

Arafat says he'll reduce rhetoric on Jerusalem

DAVID MAKOVSKY and ALON PINKAS

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat wrote Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last week agreeing to stop public dueling over the future of Jerusalem, saying continued rhetorical confrontations would have a deleterious effect on the peace process, sources say.

At the same time, a senior official told *The Jerusalem Post* that Arafat also urged Israel recently to consider discussing final status issues in parallel with the ongoing peace process on interim arrangements.

As per Rabin's request in the aftermath of Arafat's infamous Johannesburg mosque speech calling for Moslems to wage a jihad to liberate Jerusalem, the PLO leader wrote the conciliatory letter to Rabin reaffirming his commitment to the peace process, another senior official said yesterday.

"Arafat wrote Rabin asking for a high-level dialogue to discuss the future of the peace process and reiterated his own commitment to the process," the source said. Last month, the premier said such a letter of clarification was a prerequisite for the future of the peace process.

Following Arafat's jihad speech, public support in Israel for the continuation of the peace process reached its deepest lows since the signing of the Oslo accord. In two separate polls, support for continuing the peace process was only 37%.

Indeed, on the issue of Jerusalem, participants say Rabin told the cabinet yesterday he would hold a special cabinet debate on how to deal with new Palestinian institutions, and reiterated the possibility of initiating legislation. Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said new laws would not be the right way to deal with the issue.

Regarding the discussion of final status issues, "Arafat recently asked that each side set up teams to begin discussing final status," a senior official said, adding "he is not calling for bypassing the current peace process."

Until now, Rabin has steadfastly refused to discuss final status with his own cabinet ministers, let alone the PLO.

In fact, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres suggested to European reporters yesterday that there should be at least a short pause in peace talks with the Palestinians.

When asked by reporters what talks would be held with Palestinians on transferring some social welfare authority to Palestinians in the rest of the territories (known as "early empowerment"), Peres replied: "It looks like the parties need a little bit of rest, but it will be soon enough."

Meanwhile, sources confirm reports of further cooperation with Jordan. OC Intelligence Corps Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy met with Jordanian intelligence officers in London two weeks ago, military sources confirmed yesterday. But they would neither confirm nor deny he met with the chief of Jordanian military intelligence.

The sources did not elaborate, but confirmed that the meeting was part of the military-to-military talks group which convened simultaneously with Rabin's reported meeting with King Hussein.

Other IDF intelligence officers apparently participated in the meeting. Issues that may have been discussed are the establishment of the Palestinian Police and its performance, the PLO-Hamas balance in the territories, terrorism, Jordanian Moslem Brotherhood support for Hamas, Hamas' headquarters in Amman, and the demarcation of the Israeli-Jordanian border in the Arava and where Israel, Jordan, and Syria meet.

The convening of military talks was discussed during Peres' meetings with Hussein last November and at his meeting with Crown Prince Hassan in Washington late last year, as well as at Rabin's reported meeting with Hussein in Akaba last October.

In speaking to reporters yesterday, Peres was optimistic on progress with Jordan, but less so when it came to Syria.

New York Times

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Grief-stricken mourners leave the Lubavitch world headquarters in Brooklyn after viewing the body of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson yesterday. (Reuters)

Seventh Arrow test successful

ALON PINKAS

ON its seventh test-launch, the Arrow anti-missile missile yesterday succeeded in intercepting and destroying an incoming dummy missile off the coast near Palmachim.

The Defense Ministry said that in the seventh test, in effect the third interception test, "initial data indicate the Arrow operated as planned. It was launched and directed towards the incoming missile, acquired the designated target through its sensors and intercepted it, then destroyed it when the Arrow's proximity device detonated its warhead, sending fragments at the incoming missile."

The previous test, in March, was cut short because of a ground-based computer failure. Yesterday's test was the first of the interception tests in which the Arrow was launched from the ground, rather than a ship-based pad.

Moshe Keret, director-general of Israel Aircraft Industries, the Arrow's main contractor, said it was a successful test in which "all lessons and malfunction repairs from the previous tests were integrated."

Ovadia Harari, one of the Arrow's developers from Malah, an IAI subsidiary, said the interception took only 30 seconds, "but it took us hours of processing the data and analyzing the results to determine success."

Industry sources said Israel would now begin developing the Arrow-2, designed as a mobile version. "I think we proved more than merely a scientific point today. The success refutes all the critics, who buried the Arrow prematurely," said one industry official.

However, funding for the Arrow and its long-range deployment projections may prove to be problematic.

The US has so far provided \$461 million, or 72 percent of the project's first two phases, through August 1994. The initial total cost projection did not exceed \$450 million, then rose above \$500m, and now defense and industry sources say the total cost may exceed \$1.2 billion.

The US did not guarantee funding for the project's later phases of research and development.

Last August, the General Accounting Office, the investigative organ of the US Congress, severely criticized the rising costs of the Arrow, citing erroneous initial estimates and cost overruns, and suggesting that Arrow technology had been transferred to a third country. Israel vehemently denied the latter accusation.

Neria said leaving Rabin for Ramon

DAVID MAKOVSKY

JACQUES Neria, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's diplomatic adviser and top troubleshooter in negotiating with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, will be leaving his job in the next few months, according to sources close to him.

A week ago, incoming Histadrut Secretary-General Haim Ramon offered Neria a job as his personal adviser on international affairs.

When asked to comment last night, Shimon Sheves, director-general of the Prime Minister's office, refused to say that Neria is leaving. "Ramon offered him a job. He told the prime minister, Jacques has not given Ramon a final answer." But then he added, "if he takes the job, it is still months away."

Neria could not be reached for comment. Neria's apparent departure is bound to fuel more speculation about unrest in the Prime Minister's Office.

He would be just the latest of several top Rabin advisers to leave. Among those who left in the last few months and have not been replaced are: Elyakim Rubinstein, cabinet secretary; Haim Asa, national security adviser; Gad Ben-Ari, spokesman; and Nira Poran, public affairs adviser.

Circumstances surrounding Neria's planned departure remain unclear, but sources close to him said that after the negotiations on Gaza and Jericho con-

cluded, he was unhappy about being left out of the talks with Jordan and Syria.

Neria, a veteran military intelligence official who grew up in Beirut and wrote a doctoral dissertation on Lebanon, is the only civilian Arabist around Rabin. The premier several times dispatched him to meet Arafat in Tunis or senior PLO officials in Europe in order to resolve particularly thorny issues.

Sources say that apart from being a skillful negotiator, one of his strengths is an ability to both interpret Arabs to Rabin.

Praising Neria's charismatic style, the PLO's Mohammed Dahlan reportedly said recently that he is "someone who understands the Arab mentality."

Tens of thousands at Schneerson funeral

Lubavitcher rebbe dies after long illness

HERB KEINON

TENS of thousands of Habad Hassidim from around the world jammed New York streets yesterday for the funeral procession of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the seventh Lubavitcher rebbe, who died in the morning at the age of 92.

The hassidim, escorted by hundreds of New York police, followed the body from world Habad headquarters at 770 Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn to the Montefiore Cemetery in Queens.

US President Bill Clinton sent a letter of condolence to Habad headquarters.

The black van carrying the rebbe's plain wooden casket sped away from the headquarters under police escort, to elude the masses reaching out to touch the coffin. Police had to pull back a number of people who were trying to jump into the van.

At Kfar Habad, several thousand hassidim waited outside the central Beit Menachem Synagogue and watched taped news clips of the rebbe, broadcast earlier in the day by various networks. The funeral was to be broadcast by satellite.

The funeral procession was planned by his secretary Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky and the New York Police Department soon after the rebbe's death. Only 25 of the rebbe's closest aides were to be allowed into the small cemetery for the burial service, but hundreds of followers congregated outside the cemetery and were seen ripping their clothes in mourning.

The rebbe was to be buried next to his father-in-law, Yosef Yitzhak Schneerson, the previous Lubavitcher rebbe. No eulogies were planned. Since the rebbe had no children, a number of his followers were to say kaddish for him.

Habad sources said the reason the rebbe's body was not brought to Israel for burial was because the rebbe had been directed by his father-in-law not to come to Israel until he brought the messiah.

Schneerson had been in critical condition at Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan since suffering a stroke March 10, his second in two years. The stroke left him paralyzed and unable to breathe without the aid of a respirator.

He contracted pneumonia in early May, further weakening his condition. Last Tuesday, he developed kidney complications.

"The rebbe's death is a loss for all of the Jewish people. A great sage is gone, a distinguished leader," Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said.

Rabin said that for two generations, Schneerson sought to bring together Jews with differing views and acted on behalf of Jews both in former communist countries and in Moslem countries.

"The Lubavitcher rebbe was a leader of the highest stature, a great man, and a scholar, who selflessly labored on behalf of Jews of the Soviet Union and other coun-

tries behind the Iron Curtain, and to instill Jewish heritage into Jews around the world. May his memory be blessed," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said in a statement.

Hundreds of Habad followers clamored for plane tickets at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday, paying \$900 for a ticket on a special El Al flight that obligated them to come back to Israel today, and provided no guarantee it would get them to New York in time for the funeral. Some hassidim stood on counter-tops trying to get tickets, and others rushed back and forth whenever rumors spread that someone else was selling tickets.

El Al made available one jumbo jet that brought some 450 hassidim to New York. A few hundred more found empty seats on other airlines going to the US or to Europe, where they could catch other flights to New York.

There were no outward signs of mourning at the airport; no sobbing, few tears. "The whole thing

sidim refused to believe the rebbe had died, or believed that if he had, he would reappear to redeem the Jews."

"This is a happy day, because this is the last day of the exile," said the driver of a "mitzva tank," who drove his van emblazoned with signs reading "Welcome King Messiah" into the heart of the community. "Moshiach, Moshiach, Moshiach," the Mordechai Ben-David song that over the last two years, became an unofficial Habad anthem, blared from the van's loudspeakers.

The driver, who would not identify himself, distributed photocopies of a midrash that says the messiah will rise from the dead before being buried. "We came here to cheer people up, to tell them this is the last day of exile," he said.

He said he was in shock when he heard of the rebbe's death on the radio. "I don't believe it; I think it is an evil rumor. I can't believe the rebbe is dead."

About an hour after Schneerson's death became known in the community, a group of men gathered in a local synagogue and sang with great enthusiasm, "Long live our master, teacher, and rabbi, the king messiah for all generations." One of those who joined the dancing said he was singing out of the belief that the rebbe would, "at any moment" arise and come to Israel.

People on the street were talking openly about the feared succession battles among the rebbe's top aides. One man said he knows the rebbe left a will that would put an end to the feuding, and ensure that Habad institutions around the world continue to operate.

"But it will take a while for the dust to clear," he said. "In the end, the new leader will be not the person who has performed the most successful power play, but the person to whom the masses gravitate. A king without the masses is not a king."

Among those coming to Kfar Habad were students from non-Habad yeshivot who, in the words of one of them, came to "see how people will react."

One student, who said he is affiliated with Rabbi Eliezer Schach's Ponevezh Yeshiva in Bnei Brak, said that Schach - the rebbe's long-time foe - is probably "crying in his home today, because of fear that some of these people will now become apostates."

Sources close to Schach said that although he had many disagreements with Schneerson in the past, he recognizes Schneerson's work in "bringing many people closer to Judaism."

Among those who flew to New York yesterday was Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau, who was asked to represent the government at the funeral. Also at the funeral were Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich, UN Ambassador Gad Ya'acobi, Consul-General Colette Avital, and Likud Chairman Binyamin Netanyahu.

"The rebbe did not leave any sons," Lau said. "But he left millions of orphans around the world."

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has not sunk in," said one hassid, jostling with others for his ticket. "Now the people here are only thinking about getting on the plane. Once they get on the plane, things will begin to sink in."

"I felt toward the rebbe like I did to a grandfather," said Shaul Shimon Deutsch, a Habad historian and writer for one of its magazines, explaining why he felt a need to fly to the funeral. "Wouldn't you want to go back for the funeral of a family member? In a way I feel even closer to the rebbe. A family member loves you and is nice to you. But the rebbe is a model, someone you aspire to be like. I feel a tremendous void. This is someone I have been writing a letter to every week for 20 years," he said.

As to whether he believed Schneerson was the messiah, Deutsch said: "I believed he was the messiah of the generation. Today an era has ended. Tradition holds that in every generation, there is a messiah for that generation. Now a new messiah has been born. We just don't know who it is."

Deutsch said those Habad followers who sincerely believed the rebbe was the messiah will simply now have to go through a period of "regrouping, rethinking things." He said the rebbe never said he was the messiah, and that the movement's whole "messiah campaign" was meant to enhance the awareness of the concept of the messiah, not crown the rebbe as the redeemer of the Jewish people.

Berke Wolf, the rebbe's long-time point man here, said he believed "with all my heart and soul that the rebbe was the messiah." Now that the rebbe has died, Wolf said only: "God will help us."

In Kfar Habad, the movement's stronghold near Ramle, some has-

Kupat Holim Clalit revises its 'emergency plan'

JUDY SIEGEL and GALIT LIPKIS BECK

FEARFUL that reduced services could instigate an exodus by thousands of its members, Kupat Holim Clalit yesterday announced a major revision of its "emergency plan," aimed at cutting costs over the next five weeks.

Clalit spokesman David Tager said the new plan would save "tens of millions of shekels" without significantly reducing health services. After July 15, a new recovery plan must be prepared.

Meanwhile, Bank Leumi withdrew its petition to the Tel Aviv District Court to appoint a temporary receiver for Clalit.

Clalit management said that until July 15 - when the NIS 485 million allocated by the government will run out - most services will remain the same. Two-thirds of the emergency medical care centers (MARAM) will remain open, but they will charge NIS 60 per visit, instead of the previous NIS 43 (NIS 30 for children under six).

In addition, members will be able to go freely to family doctors and pediatricians, even if they are independent physicians. It will

tain it for the patient.

Under the old plan, worked out in only a few hours by Clalit, Health Ministry, and Treasury officials, MARAM centers would have been shut down; chronically ill patients were to get only a 10-day supply of medications at a time; and no drugs would be obtainable at private pharmacies.

The health fund's management quickly realized that closing the MARAM centers would increase costs, because patients would instead rush to hospital emergency rooms, and the other rules would prove highly unpopular.

Jewish Agency threatens to fund-raise on its own

BATSHEVA TSUR

JEWISH Agency treasurer Hanaan Ben-Yehuda warned yesterday that the agency and the government will consider running their own fund-raising campaigns abroad, unless officials of the United Jewish Appeal rescind a demand to control the money it forwards to Israel.

UJA fund-raisers want to stop forwarding all their Israel allocations to the Jewish Agency, demanding instead the right to fund projects directly.

"If the Jewish Agency does not have exclusivity, the fund-raisers will also not have exclusivity for their campaigns," Ben-Yehuda

said yesterday. "We know from surveys that 70% of American Jewry donates money to the UJA because of the Israel connection. This has to be a reciprocal arrangement."

If the agency and the government began raising money directly abroad - "an option which is completely feasible," he said - this would adversely affect Israel's relationship with Diaspora Jewry.

"I am opposed to this. But we can't keep backing down. Already only 30% of the money collected is

sent to Israel. And it gets less and less."

Ben-Yehuda described the atmosphere in the talks held by him and acting agency chairman Yehiel Leket abroad as "very tense. There are members of the UJA leadership who do not want us to be the sole and exclusive agent for this 30% of the funds, amounting to \$300 million. But the Law of Status of National Institutions clearly gives us this right," he said.

He added that the United Israel Appeal, which represents the UJA, had recently agreed to fix

the agency's allocation for only three years, until 1997, instead of the previous five-year commitment. "They are using the salami system to cut up the agency," he said.

Ben-Yehuda placed much of the blame for the Diaspora's attitude towards the agency on the shoulders of Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, who several months ago told WIZO fund-raisers that Israel didn't need Diaspora "charity."

"If the government does not disassociate itself from his remarks again, I don't know how we can stop the damage," he said.

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No obvious successor in sight to Schneerson

SUE FISHKOFF

THERE is no established method within Lubavitch for choosing a new rebbe. In past successions, a son or, in the case of Menachem Schneerson, a son-in-law, was either already in place at the time of a reigning rebbe's death, or soon emerged as the obvious candidate.

Schneerson's selection as the seventh Lubavitcher rebbe after his father-in-law died in 1950 took almost a year of sometimes bitter wrangling, but eventually his charismatic personality and towering intellect marked him as the elders' unanimous choice.

Today not only is there no clear choice, there is not even a blood connection to guide the way, since Schneerson had no children.

The closest blood relative, Barry Gourary, a grandson of sixth

rebbe Yosef Yitzhak Schneerson, was outflanked along with his father in 1950 by Menachem Schneerson's supporters. He was then caught in 1986 stealing and selling valuable parts of the Lubavitch library, which he claimed as his personal possession. No one considers him a candidate. And Rabbi Baruch Shimon Schneerson, who lives in Israel, is a direct descendant of the first, second, and third Lubavitcher rebbes, but he is not a Lubavitcher himself.

For an eighth rebbe to be named, consensus must be reached among a Habad leadership already torn between the factions that have been warring over Schneerson's medical care for the past two years.

While no one within Lubavitch will publicly entertain the question of a replacement for the rebbe, several names have been bandied about in academic and media circles as likely to figure prominently in Habad's future. Few of them have been put forward as actual candidates for the rebbe's mantle, but many are regarded as those who will make critical decisions for the movement.

First, there are two of Schneerson's senior aides, who have themselves been involved in a behind-the-scenes power play that broke open last fall.

One is Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, the rebbe's personal driver and official spokesman for international Habad for more than 35 years. A sophisticated, soft-spoken, urbane man, Krinsky administers the checkbook for Habad's far-flung empire of more than 3,000 emissaries around the world, and is generally considered the flag-bearer of "modern" Lubavitch.

One who was often at odds with Krinsky over medical care for the ailing rebbe is a second aide, Rabbi Leib Groner, 64, who became close to the rebbe after the death

of the rebbe's wife in 1988, and has generally controlled access to the rebbe's room. Groner is considered to have more grass roots support than Krinsky among followers in Crown Heights and Jerusalem, and is described as the representative of Old World, East European "shetl" Hassidism.

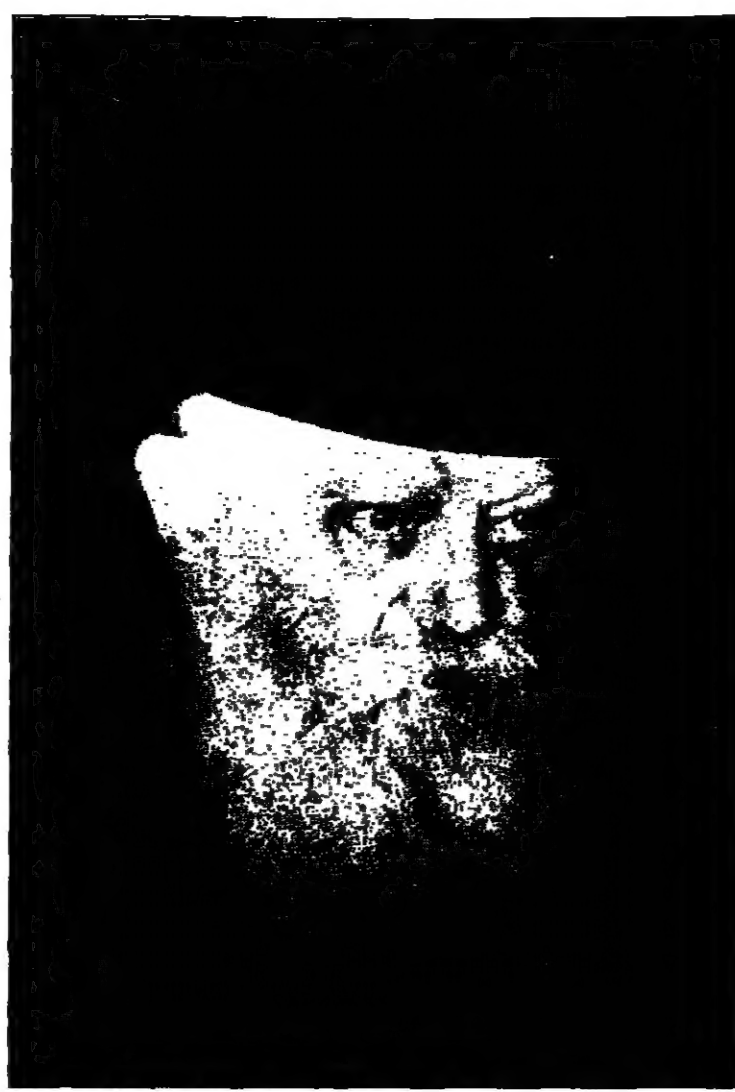
Rabbi Yoel Kahn, a highly respected scholar firmly ensconced in the rebbe's inner circle, has the intellectual credentials for the position of rebbe, but little political clout.

Rabbi Shmuel Butman, the fiery head of Lubavitch Youth in Brooklyn, has tremendous popular appeal, particularly among the young men of Crown Heights. But he lost the support of Habad insiders in January 1993 when, as self-appointed head of the International Campaign to Bring the Messiah, he organized the first of several events at 770 Eastern Parkway that were derided in the press as "coronations" of Schneerson. Habad expert Sam Heilman, a professor at City College Graduate Center and Queens College, considers Butman now "out of the loop."

Outside Crown Heights, there is Groner's older brother, Rabbi Isaac Groner, in Australia, a politically savvy contender.

Several years ago, a rumor began circulating that venerated scholar and Jerusalem resident Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz was being groomed as the eighth Lubavitcher rebbe. His candidacy seemed undermined four years ago, when Rabbi Eliezer Schach and other haredi leaders criticized several of his works as containing "sectarianism and heresy." Steinsaltz was forced to apologize and offer refunds to buyers of the works.

Jewish history scholar Arthur Hertzberg, now a professor at New York University's Skirball Institute, claims that Steinsaltz was never being considered as the next rebbe, but might have been under consideration as the future



The late Rabbi Menachem Schneerson

(Reuter)

"authoritative interpreter" of Schneerson's oral and written legacy, much as Nathan of Nuremberg interpreted Rav Nahman of Bratslav for future generations of Bratslav Hassidim.

Can Lubavitch survive without a rebbe? And for how long?

Habad watchers in New York agree that no successor to Schneerson will be named in the near future, perhaps not for years.

But while some experts feel that eventually an eighth rebbe must be named for the movement to survive, others feel that the Lubavitch line must end with Schneerson, as predicted in Habad's secret oral tradition.

Heilman believes that, although there is no candidate for rebbe presently on the scene, a choice must be made.

"They can't replace [Schneerson], because they don't have any one," he says. "But they will have to replace him eventually."

Heilman believes that the Bratslav model — a Hassidic movement that remains devoted to its first, long-dead rebbe, with no successor — is "inappropriate" for a movement of Habad's size and worldly ambitions.

Heilman notes that although Schneerson has functioned as "an icon" for Lubavitchers, inspiring them by the force of his personality and erudition, he has not been in actual control of the international Habad empire for some time. Its world movement has taken on a momentum of its own and is, Heilman says, "quite independent."

In every Lubavitch succession crisis, he says, the movement leaders had to decide whether to maintain the status quo or, as with Schneerson's election in 1950, go for change.

"They will have to reach the same conclusion now, whether to preserve the satellite system of emissaries, or revamp it," he says. "My suspicion is that the system is now so far-flung that it will be hard to reel it in. And Krinsky will try to keep it going as long as possible."

Journalist Yori Yanover, who just published a detailed study of the Crown Heights power struggle, *Dancing and Crying*, is uncomfortable speculating about a successor to Schneerson.

However, he believes that Habad may survive for years without choosing a new rebbe, continuing to invoke Schneerson's words to guide their actions into the next generation.

Habad has already begun preparing for this, he says. Since Schneerson's debilitating stroke in March 1992, Habad synagogues have marked important dates and Jewish holidays by showing videotapes of Schneerson lecturing at previous holiday events. This could be a pattern for the future, Yanover says.

Hertzberg maintains that Lubavitch will not replace Schneerson at all.

"There will be no eighth rebbe, not under any circumstances," Hertzberg says, pointing out that this would contradict key Lubavitch teachings that have always held the Messianic Age would arrive with the seventh rebbe.

Schneerson's death will not invalidate the Lubavitch premise, Hertzberg says. "It will be interpreted to mean that the present generation was not fit to receive him as Mashiach [the Messiah]," he says.

Hertzberg believes that a cult of visiting Schneerson's grave will quickly develop. "A time of waiting will come, first at his bier, and then at his grave site," he says.

Then, Hertzberg continues, an "authoritative interpreter" will arise, as with the Bratslavers, to interpret Schneerson's teachings for future generations of Lubavitcher Hassidim, who will then await his second coming to proclaim the Messianic Age.

"They will continue to repeat his Torah," Hertzberg says. "They are already printing his *sichot* [lectures] every Shabbat and yom tov, drawing upon past [lessons]. The cult of the rebbe will last for many, many years."

Hertzberg believes the world empire of Habad institutions will "be in trouble for some time" following Schneerson's death, but will survive when "a strong, central hand" emerges to control it.

But the movement will be altered greatly by the change, he says. Even if a new rebbe were to be named a generation from now, Hertzberg believes, "in a generation, it will be a different Lubavitch."

More significant, says Hertzberg, who has often taken Habad to task for its political views, is the loss Schneerson's death represents to the entire Jewish world.

"He [was] a great man, a towering personality... one of the great, great figures of our day."

Menachem Schneerson, leader of Habad

REBBE Menachem Mendel Schneerson was the seventh generation descendant of Zalman Schneur of Lyady (1745-1812), the founder of the Lubavitch Hassidim.

Schneerson was born on Nissan 11, 5662 (April 18, 1902) in Nikolayev, Ukraine. When he was five years old, his father, Rabbi Levi Yitzhak Schneerson, a renowned kabbalist and talmudic scholar, moved the family to Yekaterinoslav (Dnepropetrovsk today), where he was chief rabbi.

The boy was a child prodigy who had to leave the local heider, because he was far ahead of his classmates; his father engaged private tutors for him. By bar mitzva age he was considered an *illuy*, a Tora prodigy. His teachers also taught him languages, mathematics, and physics. As a boy he was reported to have jumped into a river to save another boy's life.

He met the previous Lubavitcher rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzhak, in Rostov in 1923. In 1927 Bolsheviks sentenced Yitzhak to death, but he was saved by a public outcry and allowed to leave Russia. Yitzhak took Schneerson with him, first to Riga and then Warsaw. In 1929, Schneerson married Yitzhak's second daughter, Chaya Moussia, in Warsaw.

Schneerson then went to study, first at the University of Berlin and then at the Sorbonne, where he earned degrees in mathematics and science. Shortly before the fall of Paris in 1941, he left for the US.

His father-in-law, who had come to the US a year earlier, made him the chairman of his newly-founded network of Habad organizations, which included the Merkaz Chinuch, the educational arm of the Lubavitch movement, Mahane Yisrael, a service arm

dedicated to social welfare, and a publishing house.

Yitzhak kept his Hassidic court at 770 Eastern Parkway, Crown Heights, Brooklyn, and after his death in 1950, Schneerson was elected leader of the movement.

He soon proved himself a born leader, expanding Habad from a narrow, sectarian clan into a powerful Hassidic empire, an organization which spread from the US throughout the world.

New branch services set up by his multiplying followers greatly strengthened his organization.

The Lubavitch Women's Organization was founded in 1953, and a youth movement was formed in 1955. Kfar Habad in Israel became the movement's powerful headquarters here. Schneerson and his pupils, admirers, and followers set up an extensive network of yeshivot, agricultural societies, summer camps, labor exchanges, research offices, and educational facilities. A "Jewish Peace Corps" was established by Habad's senior students, who were instructed to bring Judaism closer to the Jewish masses.

An international network of Habad emissaries was set up for this purpose, and the organization set up an estimated 1,400 camps, yeshivot, schools, and Habad Houses around the world.

Schneerson furiously promoted the idea that all Jews are responsible for one another, and his outlook of reaching out was at sharp odds with most other Hassidic courts, which were generally inward looking, trying to strengthen their own adherents rather than seek new ones.

Schneerson, however, preached that it is Habad's duty to get other Jews to perform mitzvot. As such, he sent his emissaries around the world, where they often stood on street corners and asked Jews to put on tefillin, or went door to door distributing Shabbat candles. Habad was a prime mover behind the teshuva (repentance) movement that brought to Orthodox Judaism many Jews who had little or no religious Jewish training or upbringing.

The movement was active in the Soviet Union even before perestroika, with Lubavitch ritual slaughterers and *mohelim* working underground.

Schneerson's excellent secular education only strengthened his fundamentalist beliefs: he firmly upheld every letter of Scripture. He rejected the theory of evolution by asserting that if the Biblical account could not explain fossilization, then we should believe God created fossils. "We do not know," he argued, "Why God created fossils any more than we know why He created an atom."

While firmly believing in Israel's mission and the redemption of the land, Schneerson refused to badge from his Brooklyn headquarters; which he perceived as Judaism's outpost in America and the Diaspora. As this once affluent section became a poverty area, his adherents organized self-defense units to protect themselves and their gentle neighbors as well.

Israeli leaders made it a point to visit him, to seek his advice and his blessings, and over the years Schneerson became progressively

more involved in Israeli affairs.

In June 1967, on the eve of the Six Day War, he issued a special proclamation explaining how "the Almighty is already defending the Holy Land." His "tefillin drives" were extended to the IDF as a means of ensuring divine protection.

But Schneerson took an uncompromising stand on the "Who is a Jew" issue, conversion controversy, and other religious problems. His advice was eagerly sought by Israeli religious parties.

In October 1981, Jewish settlers — with the rebbe's blessing — occupied Beit Schneerson in Hebron, a house the Schneerson family abandoned in the 1929 Arab riots in the town. Schneerson repeatedly supported settlement in the administered territories, his slogan being "Not Peace Now but Messiah Now."

Habad's influence in Israeli politics peaked in 1983, when for the first time the Lubavitcher openly backed Agudat Yisrael and the party went from two to five Knesset seats.

In 1990, when Shas and Agudat Yisrael brought down the national unity government, the two Habad MKs in Aguda — Eliahu Mizrahi and Avraham Verdiger — would not vote for a Labor government. There was much speculation the two acted on orders from the rebbe, which brought a great deal of criticism that a rabbi in Brooklyn should not be able to determine the fate of Israeli politics.

Schneerson's support for Agudat Yisrael in 1988, a party he had criticized in the past because of what he considered its feeble attempts to alter the Law of Return, was seen partly as a reaction to mounting criticism of him and the Lubavitch movement by Rabbi Eliezer Schach. Schach broke from Agudat Yisrael that year, and formed Degel Hatorah.

The Schach-Schneerson enmity peaked in 1992, when Schach called Schneerson a false messiah during the heat of a Habad "messiah campaign." Posters and stickers appeared all over the country that read, "Prepare for the Coming of the Messiah."

During this campaign, some Habad followers declared Schneerson the messiah, while others said he was the best candidate for messiah.

In 1992, after Schach once again linked up with Agudat Yisrael and formed the United Tora Judaism list, Habad returned to its apolitical position and steered clear of that year's Knesset election.

Schneerson suffered a stroke in March 1992, a few weeks before his 90th birthday, and three months later his gall bladder was removed.

Toward the end of 1992, numerous Habad followers said publicly that Schneerson was the messiah, and began a "Welcome King Messiah" campaign around the rebbe.

This campaign brought unprecedented criticism upon the movement from both haredi and secular circles, and led to a great deal of disagreement within Habad. With the progression of the rebbe's illness, it was not clear what he truly thought about the campaign, or how much he even knew about it. Compiled by Alexander Zvielli and Herb Keinon.

'Some Habadniks await rebbe's return'

HAIM SHAPIRO

THE main body of Habad Hassidim will undoubtedly find theological explanations for the failure of their leader, Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Schneerson, to reveal himself as the messiah before his death, but it is likely a small group of believers will continue to await his return.

This was the view of Prof. Emanuel Etikes, a Hebrew University historian and expert in Hassidism. While stressing he does not see himself as a prophet, Etikes said it was possible to predict how Habad might react to the death of the rebbe on the basis of past history.

He does not see Habad remaining leaderless for a prolonged period. "Great [Hassidic] leaders have died before, and they have been replaced," he said.

As to who would be chosen to replace the rebbe, he said that although it would be an advantage for a candidate to be a relative of

the late leader, this is not a prerequisite. It is difficult to believe that, after a leader of such magnitude, Habad would be content to choose someone of lesser stature just because of family ties.

The death of Schneerson, he said, would probably not cause a crisis in Habad, despite the messianic furor which had preceded it. Such expectations have come many times before in Jewish history and those involved had found theological explanations for their failure to materialize. Those involved had said that the generation was not the right one, or the time had not been right, or the public had been unworthy, he said.

On the other hand, said Etikes, it is quite likely some Habad Hassidim would continue to believe that the rebbe would return and reveal himself as the messiah. However, he sees no problem for such a group to continue to be a part of normative Judaism.

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Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Shmuel Meir waves a flag yesterday at a demonstration prompted by a mistaken sighting of a Palestinian flag on the Temple Mount. (Brian Heller)

Violent demo follows mistaken sighting of PLO flag on Mount

A GOOD pair of binoculars would probably have prevented yesterday's confrontation between right-wing activists and Jerusalem police, sparked by the false sighting of a PLO flag on the Temple Mount.

Workers atop City Hall, just outside the Old City, thought they spotted a PLO flag on the Temple Mount in the morning, and reported their find to Deputy Mayor Shmuel Meir.

Meir said he went to the roof balcony to see for himself. Several other city officials also went to have a look, and thought they saw a flag there.

Meir then called leaders of the

BILL HUTMAN

Council of Settlements in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, and the local and international media, and the scene was set for a confrontation at the Temple Mount.

The protesters pushed aside border policemen and knocked down a police barricade as they stormed up to the Mugrabi Gate.

"There is a PLO flag there and we want it pulled down, and an Israeli flag flown in its place," said council leader Uri Ariel.

For nearly an hour, they scuffled with police, pushing and shoving at times, but for the most part

keeping to fierce verbal exchanges. Then Old City police chief Cmdr. David Givati arrived, and with a smile informed both his officers and the protesters that there was no PLO flag on the Temple Mount, and hadn't been one earlier.

"You probably saw the flag flying atop a home nearby, and from the City Hall building thought it was on the Temple Mount," Givati said.

At about the same time, Meir received a call on his portable phone from an aide informing him that a photographer using a zoom lens had also spotted the flag atop the home.

Cabinet okays 10,000 more Palestinian workers

THE cabinet yesterday voted to increase the number of Palestinians permitted to work inside Israel by another 10,000, the second increase in the last week.

With the cabinet approving 13,000 new licenses last week, it is estimated that the total number of Palestinians now permitted to work is 35,000-39,000, bringing the level to about where it had been before the Hebron massacre.

The move comes amid a rising chorus abroad charging that Israel must do more to ensure the economic success of the new Palestinian Authority, especially since it solicits other donor countries to increase their aid to the authority.

David Makovsky

Families, friends mark MIA's disappearance

FAMILIES of missing servicemen and their supporters staged an emotional ceremony at the Good Fence crossing point at the border north of Metulla yesterday, to mark 12 years since three of the MIA's went missing in the Sultani Yakoub battle.

They reiterated their call for the government to do its utmost to bring home all the MIA's, and to not release any more Palestinian prisoners until they were all returned.

Attempts by participants to enter Lebanon proved fruitless, and they returned from the north in the plane that had been provided for them by the Arkia company.

David Rudge

Rabin awards defense industry prizes

ISRAEL'S defense industries must be aware of new economic constraints to which they must adjust, Prime Minister and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday.

Rabin was speaking at the annual Israel Defense Prize ceremony at Beit Hanassi in Jerusalem.

The prize, named after Elihu Gomb, was awarded to two teams that excelled in operational and technological development: a technical team from the Intelligence Corps which developed an early-warning system, and a combined team from the Israel Air Force, Rafael and the planning division of the IDF. Each prize amounted to NIS 10,000.

Batsheva Tsur

Leket denies his daughter received special treatment

BATSHEVA TSUR

ACTING Jewish Agency Chairman Yehiel Leket has denied allegations his daughter received preferential treatment in the allocation of student housing at an immigrant hostel.

The matter was raised by the agency comptroller in her annual report, following a complaint from an unnamed source.

Referring to Leket's daughter, Ayelet, and the daughter of another senior agency employee, the comptroller wrote in her recently released report: "We found that the two students had not been asked to sign a commitment to engage in socio-cultural activity or to help student olim with their studies (as required in the arrangement). No program for such occupation was found for them. The two girls paid... considerably less than the rent required of students."

Leket showed *The Jerusalem Post* an internal agency document,

a report from Moshe Broder, comptroller of the aliya department, to department head Arnon Manover.

Following a similar complaint about Ayelet Leket's stay at Beit Brodetsky hostel in Ramat Aviv, Broder had looked into the matter.

In his report, written last July, Broder stated: "Ayelet Leket fulfilled all the criteria (for staying at the hostel), signed all the documents, paid the rental as required, and made a contribution to the activities of the hostel, more or less."

Commenting on the charges that Ayelet had paid only NIS 100 for her room instead of the regular Israeli student fees, Leket said she was given a bill and paid what she was asked. He said that his daughter had tutored an immigrant student and had put up a notice at the hostel asking if there were other students who wanted help.

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Peres to Europe for talks on Israeli participation in tenders

Officials: Britain, France fear competition from Israeli companies

DAVID MAKOVSKY

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres will hold key meetings today in Luxembourg, in an attempt to persuade Britain and France to stop blocking full Israeli participation in European research and development programs.

Senior officials said Israel considers such participation vital for the future of the country's high-tech industry. They hinted that Britain and France fear Israeli industrial competition in high-tech areas, and therefore favor a more restrictive "case by case cooperation."

Peres will also meet with his Italian counterpart, Antonio Martino. The government is debating whether to alter its relationship with Italy, following the establishment there of a government that includes three neo-fascist ministers.

Oded Eiran, a Foreign Ministry economic specialist, warned that Israel's balance of trade with Europe will steadily worsen unless the European Union (EU) adopts

a more flexible policy towards Israel.

In 1993, Israel imported \$10 billion from Europe and exported only \$4.4 billion, leaving a deficit of \$5.6 billion. The trade deficit with Europe was \$4.9 billion the year before.

The controversy over research and development is only one bone of contention between Israel and the EU. The EU has authorized its Brussels-based European Commission to negotiate the upgrading of Europe's 1975 free trade agreement with Israel, but Israel is very unhappy with the terms currently being proposed.

Israel is seeking higher flower and citrus export quotas and permission for Israel's telecommunications industries to bid for European government procurement contracts, Eiran said. Jerusalem also seeks a more flexible European approach to determining the

rules of origin of goods exported from Israel to the EU.

The issue of Europe's stance on research and development particularly angers the government. Senior officials say Europe had promised full participation in the past, but that opposition from London and Paris has blocked it.

"We cannot yield on this issue of R&D. This is the heart of the free trade agreement," a senior diplomatic source said.

Speaking to European reporters before his departure, Peres indicated the EU now should reward Israel economically for taking the very steps for peace the continent has been insisting upon for years.

"We have stopped settlements. We have recognized the PLO. We are, in a way, empty-handed when we have to show the return. We feel we are entitled to have a fair deal, economically speaking," Peres said.

While not naming England and France by name, Peres said, "we were promised since we started the peace agreement that Israel would reach a certain location in the European hierarchy. Israel is supposed to be fully associated in the domain of research and development."

"Israel cannot export oil but knowledge. We do not ask for any favors. We know that many of our friends in Europe are supportive, but since it must be a unanimous decision, we are disappointed. There are some problems," he said.

Peres will make Israel's case today at the annual EU-Israel cooperation council meeting, which is expected to be attended by virtually all the foreign ministers of the EU. He is also scheduled to meet French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe today, and a deputy of British Foreign Minister Douglas Hurd, who cannot attend the Luxembourg talks.

'Sulha' proposed for resolving issue of restricted, freed prisoners

JON IMMANUEL

TWO local Palestinian leaders have proposed resolving the plight of 127 freed but restricted prisoners with a *sulha*, a ceremony of reconciliation, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said yesterday.

They were convicted of murdering or wounding other Palestinians, alleging in most cases that their victims were collaborators.

The issue is to be tackled by the Israeli-Palestinian Joint Security Committee today, after being postponed for 24 hours.

The prisoners were turned over to the Palestinian Authority on Thursday night and are being housed in Jericho mosques and camps, after Israel ordered them restricted to the Jericho self-rule area until the end of their prison terms, Jericho police said.

Sarid said Faisal Hussein and Ziad Abu Zayyad proposed the idea of a *sulha* to him yesterday. He thought it was an idea which

might work, but only for those who wounded their victims. "I am not an expert on Arab customs, but those who are dead are not in a position to forgive," he said. Decisions would be made only in the joint committee, he added.

On Saturday, Freh Abu Meidan, designated to lead the justice portfolio in the Palestinian Authority, revealed at a Gaza gathering that the police were holding 26 people charged with collaborating.

Security refit keeps Machpela Cave closed

JON IMMANUEL

HEBRON'S Cave of Machpela will not be opened soon, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran said yesterday.

Biran told reporters that security alterations designed to separate Jewish and Arab worshippers, and the installation of closed-circuit TV cameras, are still under way at the Tomb of the Patriarchs site, closed since Baruch Goldstein killed 29 Moslems there on February 25. More police will be necessary to ensure law and order there, he said.

Senior IDF sources said the risk of a clash is still great, since several dangerous Hamas gunmen are still on the loose in the Hebron area and Jewish settlers there are more radical than elsewhere.

Elsewhere in the territories, an IDF patrol yesterday caught an Israeli man firing towards houses in the Jerusalem refugee camp near Ramallah. IDF sources said the attacker was handed over to police. Among the possibilities being investigated is whether the attack was intentional or whether the man fired his weapon accidentally, military sources said. No one was injured in the incident.

Ramallah yesterday declared a day of mourning following the death of Siham Sweity, a bystander shot by soldiers dispersing a demonstration there Saturday. The army is checking whether she was killed by a rubber bullet.

Israel, Jordan to begin talks on framework for future trade

JOSE ROSENFELD

ISRAEL and Jordan will begin work on a trade agreement, following their trilateral economic talks in Washington last week. Treasury international affairs division director Ehud Kaufman said yesterday.

Kaufman said that should the countries conclude the agreement after reaching a peace settlement, it will become a formal arrangement. Otherwise, it will be called a framework, which will structure trade relations between the two countries in the interim.

Kaufman explained that the Jordanians are interested in penetrating the Israeli market, since the autonomous areas have a limited absorption capacity for their goods.

An economic trade framework will allow the Jordanians to pursue an economic relationship with Israel that is independent of the Palestinians. It would also allow for the establishment of a trilateral forum between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians, which will enable the three to pursue joint interests together, rather than having both sides relying on the Palestinians as a go-between, said Kaufman.

Economists see far-reaching implications in such an agreement, particularly regarding the

Arab boycott. They also expect that trade with Jordan could help lower housing costs, as construction materials would be one of the kingdom's major export items.

In other news, government officials said that at the international donors conference in Paris on Friday, the Palestinians' immediate cash problem was solved.

The biggest problem was money for the police, which could not be financed from the Johann Jorgen Holst Fund, established to finance the Palestinians start-up expenses. Many of the donor countries contributing to the fund have restrictions on funding for military or paramilitary activities.

The problem was solved by other donations, such as \$12 million by the European Union for police salaries.

The meeting was a success, as international commitments increased by \$140m. for this year, raising the budget from \$580m. to \$720m. Nabil Sha'ath, in charge of international cooperation and planning in the new Palestinian Authority, told Reuters that Saudi Arabia had ended its

boycott of the PLO by granting it \$10 million and pressing other Gulf Arab states to fund the autonomy.

The World Bank will transfer the funds on a month-to-month basis, since the donor countries are still not satisfied with the administrative and accounting developments at the Palestinian Economic Council for Reconstruction and Development (PECDAR).

Officials do not expect that Israel will succeed in winning tenders for PECDAR-administered projects, since it probably will not make the World Bank's short list, which is likely to only include large donors. However, some guess that Israeli companies may have a better chance with projects that will be directly managed by the foreign donors themselves.

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AUSTRIANS voted overwhelmingly yesterday to join the European Union with 66.39 percent of voters saying "yes" to membership, official provisional results showed. Announcing the outcome on television, Interior Minister Franz Loesch said 33.61 percent of voters cast "no" ballots. He said a total of 4.7 million Austrians voted in the referendum, putting turnout at 81.27 percent.

Loud cheers and the popping of champagne corks marked the referendum victory for the pro-EU camp.

Well before the first official projections of the result were due to be broadcast, initial celebrations were in progress at the headquarters of the governing Social Democrat and conservative Peoples parties.

Polls meanwhile opened yesterday on the final day of elections for the parliament of the 12 nation European Union. The vote is a test of popular support for national governments and the EU itself.

Voters are expected to use the European Parliament election to

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register dissatisfaction with national leaders.

But the EU will also be under scrutiny. Polls show declining support for its drive for closer ties between member nations through such measures as a single currency, united foreign policy or combined armed forces.

Many of the 270 million citizens eligible to cast ballots may register dissatisfaction with a perceived erosion of national rights by voting for anti-EU parties - or by staying at home.

Eight nations - Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal and Spain - voted yesterday. Britain, Ireland, Denmark and the Netherlands voted Thursday, but no ballots will be counted until after voting ended last night.

Overall, the political make-up of the 567-seat European Parliament is expected to be little changed. The center-left Socialists are likely to remain the largest fac-

tion, followed by the center-right Christian Democrats.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez and British Premier John Major will be under most pressure if their parties fare badly.

Major could be confronted with a challenge to his leadership of the ruling Conservative Party if the vote count produces another defeat for the Tories after recent losses in local elections.

Polls published in British newspapers predicted the Conservatives would win about a dozen seats against more than 60 for the main opposition Labor Party.

Gonzalez will be pressed to call early general elections if voters turn against his Socialists to show their dissatisfaction at high unemployment and a spate of political scandals.

Like Gonzalez, Germany's Kohl has been in power since 1982. He faces a general election in October and yesterday's vote should indicate how his center-right coalition government will

Abiola claims presidency

LAGOS (Reuters) - Millionaire Moshood Abiola proclaimed himself president a year after annulled elections and police checked cars yesterday near his home in an attempt to capture him.

The wealthy publisher disappeared a day after aides said he announced to a crowd of 3,000 in central Lagos he was now president of the oil-rich West African federation.

Telephone calls to Abiola's home, which has been under police surveillance, went unan-

swered. An aide said he was in Lagos but declined to say where.

The government of military ruler General Sani Abacha declared Abiola a wanted man and posted a 50,000 naira (\$3,300) reward for information on his whereabouts.

Extra police were deployed in Lagos, especially in the Ikeja suburb where Abiola's home is located.

Despite the power play between Abiola and the military, the commercial hub Lagos and the inland capital Abuja were calm.

N. Yemen forces close in on Mukalla

MEIFA-HAGR (AP) - Northern forces have closed in on the port of Mukalla, a key stronghold of southern troops, after consolidating their hold on the Indian Ocean coast separating Mukalla from the south's secessionist capital of Aden.

Rival forces this weekend exchanged heavy artillery and small arms fire in the arid mountains and palm-fringed plains around this village about 48 kms east of Mukalla despite three unsuccessful

attacks.

The battle for Mukalla, capital of the eastern oil-producing governorate of Hadramawt, involved the closest ground combat apparent so far in a six-week conflict that has been a mainly medium-range rocket and field artillery war.

Northern forces now control most of the 550 kms of shoreline from here to Aden, the main stronghold of separatist leader Ali Salem al-Baidh.

China: Sanctions against North Korea won't work

BEIJING (AP) - China said yesterday that sanctions against North Korea won't work but promised to play a positive role in UN efforts to resolve the North Korean nuclear standoff, a Japanese official reported.

For a world that has been awaiting clues to whether China would block UN sanctions against its ally, Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen's talks yesterday with his Japanese counterpart were inconclusive and unsatisfying.

A Japanese government official, who briefed reporters, said Qian did not say what China would do if a sanctions resolution came up for vote in the UN Security Council. As one of the council's five permanent members, China has veto power.

However, China's national television news quoted Qian as repeating China's longstanding position that sanctions "will not solve the problem and can only intensify the contradictions."

The United States has said it will propose a sanctions resolution this week in hopes of forcing reclusive North Korea to open its nuclear program to full international inspections. North Korea has aroused fears that it has or is developing a nuclear bomb by refusing to let inspectors visit some suspected nuclear sites or measure the spent fuel from an experimental reactor.

Japanese Foreign Minister Koji Kakizawa arrived yesterday morning from South Korea and went straight to a meeting with Qian. He left immediately afterward without making any public statements.

He was the second foreign minister from the region to fly to Beijing in recent days to seek its support against North Korea. South Korean Foreign Minister Han Sang-joo made a similar quick visit Thursday, and also left without apparently obtaining any promise to refrain from vetoing sanctions.

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* Urban Building Plan 22/Bet Mem3 shows that, on each plot, a two-story housing unit may be built, with a maximum area for registration of 180 sq.m. (Plot 18/40), and 225 sq.m. (Plot 23). The max. area for registration includes all the built area, excluding the stairs (20 sq.m.), and basement (max. gross area 40 sq.m.). If a basement is built, access to it must be from inside the house. All details to be in accordance with the building plan.

* In addition to the amount paid for the land, the successful bidder will pay the above development costs directly to Shikun Upitua. These costs are linked to the index of building inputs for April 1994, published on May 15, 1994. Payment will be in accordance with the last index known, on the day payment is made.

* Not including VAT.

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A bank check or bank guarantee of 10% of the bid total should be attached to bids as deposit.

Last date for submitting bids: August 4, 1994 (12 noon). A bid not found in the tenders box when it is opened, whatever the reason, cannot be considered.

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Last date for submitting bids: July 21, 1994 (12 noon). A bid not found in the tenders box when it is opened, whatever the reason, cannot be considered.

The Min. of Construction and Housing and the Israel Lands Administration reserve the right to accept any bid, or to reject all bids, including the highest.

A tour of the construction site will be held on July 5, 1994; meeting point - entrance to Ashdod City Hall, 10 a.m.

ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION

Central Region

Lease offered on a plot, for construction of 1 housing unit, Rehov Dvora, Netanya - Invitation to Tender 149/94/Mem

Bids are invited from those interested in signing a 3 year development agreement, after which the party concerned will sign a 49 year lease with an option to extend for another 49 years, for a plot, the details of which are:

Urban Building Plan	Block	Part of Parcel	Plot	Approx. Area, sq.m.	Total Building Percentage
10189/Bet Mem/Gimel	4122	87, 88, 89, 90	8001	5008	40

* Urban Building Plan 10189/Bet Mem/Gimel shows that the plot is in a Residential B2 (stepped construction) and that 40 housing units may be built in stepped construction, each with a maximum area of 115 sq.m. - all as detailed in the urban building plan documents.

* The building plan shows that these plots are zoned as High-Rise Residential, and that 47 housing units may be erected in stepped construction buildings of three floors, building percentage 35 per floor, total of 105% + a basement, built within the building line of the ground floor, and including auxiliary construction.

Tender 127/94/Mem

Urban Building Plan	Block	Part of Parcel	Plot	Approx. Area, sq.m.	Total Building Percentage
10189/Bet Mem/Gimel	4618	38, 41	3015	8855	4180

* The building plan shows that these plots are zoned as Residential B2 (terrace houses) and that 25 housing units may be built in stepped construction, each with a maximum area of 160 sq.m. on two floors - all as detailed in the urban building plan documents.

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ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION

Central Region

Lease offered on Plot No. Gimel32, for construction of a building for industry and workshops, Hod Hasharon Industrial Zone - Invitation to Tender 137/94/Mem

Bids are invited from those interested in signing a 3 year development agreement, after which the party concerned will sign a 49 year lease with an option to extend for another 49 years, for a plot, the details of which are:

Urban Building Plan	Block	Part of Parcel	Plot	Approx. Area, sq.m.	Total Building Percentage
151/Kaf Samach	7802	18, 31	18	880	70
151/Kaf Samach	7803	18, 43			

* The urban building plans show that the plots are in a Residential B2 Special area, and that 4 terrace cottages may be built on the plot, 35% on the ground floor, two floors + an attic. The total area for registration is 70% + 6 sq.m. for a store room per unit x 4 housing units + 24 sq.m. for a store room.

* In addition to the amount paid for the land, the successful bidder will pay Kfar Saba Municipality the development costs, in the form of fees and levies, in accordance with the bylaws.

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ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION

Central Region

Lease offered on a plot, for construction of 8 housing units, Mahaneh Yehuda, Patah Tikva - Invitation to Tender 144/94/Mem

Bids are invited from those interested in signing a 2 year development agreement, after which the party concerned will sign a 49 year lease with an option to extend for another 49 years, for a plot, the details of which are:

Urban Building Plan	Block	Part of Parcel	Plot	Approx. Area, sq.m.	Total Building Percentage
2000/Pet Taw	6388	148	148	703	120

* The above building plans show that 8 housing units may be built, each of 4 floors over a pillars floor. A 23 sq.m. room may be built on the roof, but this area will be deducted from the allowable building percentage; an additional 75 sq.m. housing unit may be built.

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ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION

Central Region

Lease offered on a plot, for construction of 1 housing unit, Hod Hasharon - Invitation to Tender 147/94/Mem

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ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION

Central Region

Lease offered on plots for housing construction, Shaham (193 housing units) - Invitation to Tender 141/94/Mem

Bids are invited from those interested in signing a 2 year development agreement, after which the party concerned will sign a 49 year lease with an option to extend for another 49 years, for a plot, the details of which are:

Urban Building Plan	Block	Part of Parcel	Plot	Approx. Area, sq.m.	Total Building Percentage
10189/Bet Mem/Gimel	4122	87, 88, 89, 90	8001	5008	40

* Urban Building Plan 10189/Bet Mem/Gimel shows that, on each plot, a three-story housing unit may be built, as indicated in the above table. In addition, a 25 sq.m. car port may be built, at details to be in accordance with the building plan.

* In addition to the amount paid for the land, the successful bidder will pay:

a. The above development costs, which are linked to the index of building inputs for April 1994 (published on May 15, 1994). These are to be paid directly to Mofet Ltd. in accordance with the last index figure known, at the time payment is made.

b. Fees and levies, as detailed in the tender documents.

c. A fee of NIS8,704 for connection to the electricity supply (correct in April 1994).

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Tender 127/94/Mem

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Israel Lands Administration Rosh Ha'ayin Local Council Shikun Upitua Ltd. Leysrael Ltd.

Build Your House Scheme - Givat Hasla'im, Rosh Ha'ayin (11 housing units) - (remaining plots)

Seven plots remain from the above scheme, for the construction of 11 single-family houses. Israel residents over the age of 18 are eligible to register for these plots.

For two plots, first priority will be given to disabled applicants, in accordance with the following criteria:

List A: Disabled persons to whom a plot has not been allocated anywhere in Israel. The following criteria apply: Ex-IDF disabled persons with 100% permanent disability; this disability must be attested by documentation, with validity of one year, issued by the Rehabilitation Branch of the Ministry of Defense, and a "No. 1" signed declaration is required.

List B: Disabled persons who do not own a plot, and who have not been allocated a plot anywhere in Israel. The following criteria apply: Ex-IDF disabled persons with 50% permanent disability (including those with a disability in the limbs, and all other types of disability); this disability must be attested by documentation, with validity of one year, issued by the Rehabilitation Branch of the Ministry of Defense, and a "No. 2" signed declaration is required.

Priority will be given to IDF disabled, with 100% or more disability. After such persons have chosen a plot, other disabled persons whose names are drawn will choose from the remaining plots, until all plots for the disabled have been chosen.

Disabled persons whose names are not drawn in the draw will participate in the draw for the remaining applicants. Disabled applicants should apply to Shikun Upitua Ltd. at the address below, for the declaration form to be attached to the application.

The payment for the land will be 91% of the full value, and the development costs will be updated. Other details are as originally published, subject to the terms of this present notice.

Registration then will be held at 10:00 a.m. on June 27, 1994, and close at 11:00 a.m. the same day. At 12 noon, a draw will be held among those who have registered.

Registration and the submission of declarations (for the disabled) will be at Shikun Upitua, 121 Rehov Haheshmona'im, Tel Aviv, Tel. 03-5532710.

When registering, you must submit a bank check for NIS3,000, made out to the Israel Lands Administration, which will be regarded as a deposit on the cost of the land.

Israel Lands Administration Rosh Ha'ayin Local Council Rosh Ha'ayin Economic Corp. Ltd.

Build Your House Scheme - Nahal Raba (4 housing units) - (remaining plots)

Four plots remain from the above scheme, for the construction of four semi-detached houses. Israel residents over the age of 18 are eligible to register for these plots.

The payment for the land will be 91% of the full value, and the development costs will be updated. Other details are as originally published, subject to the terms of this present notice.

Registration will open at 9 a.m. on June 19, 1994, and close at 10:30 a.m. the same day. At 11 a.m. a draw will be held among those who have registered.

Registration will be at Rosh Ha'ayin Economic Corp., 29 Rehov Shebaz, Rosh Ha'ayin, Tel. 03-5532729.

When registering, you must submit a bank check for NIS3,000, made out to the Israel Lands Administration, which will be regarded as a deposit on the cost of the land.

This plots will be allocated while they are available, but not after July 19, 1994.

They may be applied for at the above address, Sunday - Thursday, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Israel Lands Administration Beit Dagan Local Council Lod Ramla Development Corp. Ltd.

Build Your House Scheme - Beit Dagan (31 housing units)

There was an error in the table of land prices for the above. The cost of the land is 91% of the full value, and not as indicated in the explanatory sheet.

The infrastructure development agreement is available from Lod Ramla Development, 1 Sderot Hazionot, Lod, Tel. 05-262448, Sunday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION BEERSHEBA ECONOMIC CORP. Ltd.

Build Your House Scheme - Beersheba (4 housing units) - (remaining plots)

Four plots remain from the above scheme, for the construction of four semi-detached houses. Israel residents over the age of 18 are eligible to register for these plots.

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THE perception by local music aficionados that they are good scouts of foreign musical talent is about to be tested again.

Record sellers, broadcasters and consumers here spotted Bobby McFerrin and the jazz/hip-hop wizards US3 before the rest of the world did. In the pop field they anticipated the breakthroughs of Radio Head and the mega-selling Suede.

Now the buzz is on for Maria Glen.

Over the past few months this Paris-based, Chicago-born jazz blues singer has become the new artist to talk about in this country.

New Channel 2 will air a half-hour special on her this Saturday, and she is expected to draw enthusiastic crowds at Haifa's International Blues and Soul Festival which opens on June 28.

Is Glen the genuine musical article as many here believe? In America she is totally unknown.

Clichéd r blight on Brooklyn

FILM REVIEW
ADINA HOFFMAN

ANGIE

Directed by Martha Coolidge. Screenplay by Todd Graff. Based on the novel *Angie, I Say* by Avra Wing. Hebrew title: *Angie*. English dialogue. Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.

Angie..... Geena Davis
Noel..... Stephen Rea
Vinnie..... James Gandolfini
Tina..... Aldo Turturro

With her heart-shaped face, kick-line legs, Geena Davis looks as magnificently make-believe as the paper dolls little girls cut out and dress in crayon colors.

Davis is so fascinating to stare at that it's possible, up to a point, to remain engaged in director Martha Coolidge's newest film, *Angie*, by simply focusing on the actress's wide eyes, her precipitous cheekbones and phenomenally flat stomach.

But after we've examined the curious curves of Davis's face and body for the fourth or fifth time, that point passes, and we're left with one unattractive movie, a syrupy tale of a single, pregnant Brooklyn native and her journey to self-awareness.

Based on Avra Wing's inauspiciously titled novel, *Angie, I Say*, the movie is orchestrated to make a female matinee audience weep and bond on cue. Very occasionally — as in a few glibly scenes between Angie (Davis) and her pudgy, lifelong best friend, Tina (Aldo Turturro) — the film comes close to genuine feeling.

More often, though, *Angie* strains as hard as an Avon lady-in-training to appeal to feminine instincts. Not surprisingly, the saccharine sales pitch fails.

A large part of the problem lies

in Todd Graff's script, a compendium of tired ethnic, feminist and psychological clichés. Benson-hurst accents as heavy as eggplant parmigiano prevail, as do hefty gold chains and hairy male chests, whose prominent display is often mistaken by Graff for subtle character development.

Early on, Angie demands of her fetus's plumber father, "Vinnie, how come we neva go t'da museum?" He offers his Italian rendition of an Archie Bunker scowl, and it becomes painfully plain what we're in for. Soon, Angie is ascending the steps of the Metropolitan Museum on her own, musing solemnly before Degas paintings and trading quips and phone numbers with Noel, a worldly Irish lawyer, played by rag doll Stephen Rea.

The affair that follows is only the first of the script's sudden lurches in tone. How to take this relationship? If it's in earnest, then why aren't the characters and their particular needs explored with more care and conviction? If it's a joke, then why isn't it funny? And forget about the magical in-between of, say, *Moonstruck*, another Brooklyn romance; *Angie* is confused — but in the most straightforward way.

The difficult cultural gaps that first draw Angie to Noel evaporate in an instant with several quick shots from their first date: an expensive restaurant dinner; a taxi cab kiss; the morning after.

With no dialogue and little save the triumphal soundtrack to guide us, we can only assume that this Cinderella fantasy is really taking place. Like so many of the outlandishly melodramatic plot twists ahead, one can only hope that it's all just a dream in the mind of a dozing *Cosmo* reader.



Stunning Geena Davis stars as Angie Scaccipensieri, a single, pregnant Brooklyn native who undertakes a none-too-subtle journey of self-awareness and intellectual awakening. (Ralph Nelson)

Perhaps the heroine's intellectual awakening would be more compelling if it were motivated by something deeper than the desire to meet cute guys. As it is, we're asked to see Angie as brighter and more sympathetic than her working-class neighbors; in fact, the only notable difference between

Angie and the people around her is that she is more of a snob. The script alone is certainly not to blame for the overall lack of focus and goopy sentiment that clog up *Angie* so awfully. Director Martha Coolidge is the preeminent bad guy. She sicks her players and their problems on each other with all the

urgent success, though a clairvoyant once predicted it.

The local phenomenon began when Hed Arzi Records decided to import her first disk *This Is Maria Glen*, recorded on the small Vogue label. Luckily for Glen, when it reached Army Radio, jazz buff Danny Karpel promptly fell in love with her rich, deep, unadorned voice. He started playing a rack called "Believer" every day and even arranged a phone interview with her from Paris.

The ball began to roll. Glen was being heard to such an extent that after securing her the Blues Festival gig, Hed Arzi brought her over from France. Further interviews and an appearance on the *Sof Shana* TV variety show convinced many here that they had made a



Is the Chicago-born, Paris-based singer the real thing?

discovery.

Have her shrewd European managers and her local fans cottoned on to a talent that's destined to rise? Check her out this Saturday on Channel 2 at 11 p.m. and place your own bets.

Stulberg conducts a job search

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

AMERICAN conductor Neal Stulberg is here laying down beats and dropping hints.

The 40-year-old Los Angeles-based musician, who is leading the Haifa Symphony Orchestra in a series of concerts this week, says that although he isn't "searching frantically" for a music director's post, he would love to spend more time working in Israel.

If such a directorship offer were to be made here, he would consider it most seriously.

It's not surprising, considering Stulberg's deep connections with this country.

Just after the Yom Kippur War he spent time at Kibbutz Mishmar Ha'emek. It was an awkward time, he recalls, "as most of the boys my age were not around."

He came back in 1987 for his honeymoon and a year later made his local conducting debut with the Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra.

On this trip, Stulberg has visited his old kibbutz and is planning some touring this week.

Stulberg is proud of his recently concluded eight-year tenure as the music director of the New Mexico Symphony at Albuquerque. "I inherited a part-time orchestra and rather quickly we were able to recruit players from a national pool and build one of the finest regional orchestras in the country," he says.

Stulberg is also an active pianist. "I do a lot of Mozart piano concertos from the piano as well as chamber music."

He is acutely aware of the controversy over performance practice of early and classical music.

"I've conducted period instrument groups and I'm interested in that. But really there is no end point to interpretation, and great musicians have always been dealing with music from that period in their own way, informed by the sensibilities of their own time."

Stulberg prefers to play and conduct the Mozart piano concerto, rather than perform as the soloist with another conductor on the podium.

"For me it's easier to conduct from the piano. The interpretation is a unified one and the actual experience of preparing and performing this piece is very much like chamber music."

Stulberg leads the Haifa Symphony Orchestra in a program featuring Sibelius's second symphony and Dvorak's ever-popular *Carnival* overture.

Hagai Shoham is the soloist, performing Prokofiev's first violin concerto. Tonight and Wednesday at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30).

Bringing Lar to the local barre

HELEN KAYE

THE greater excitement isn't in being a dancer. John Dayger muses. "My career was much more about being in the new work, being choreographed upon."

His soft shoes scuff the sandy soil of the schoolyard where the Israel Ballet has its studio. He's sitting on a red-and-white painted railing in the spring sunshine talking about choreographer Lar Lubovitch and his own career, first as a Lubovitch dancer, then as his chief assistant.

Dayger was here recently to teach a 1985 Lubovitch work, the lyrical "Concerto 622," to the Israel Ballet. It will make its Israeli debut on June 20 at Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium. The title of the piece refers to Mozart's clarinet concerto K.622.

"Mozart wrote the adagio for a friend," he says. "Music is for friendship, and that's what the dance is about. Lar wrote it for a close friend who'd died of AIDS."

Written originally for 13 dancers, "Concerto 622" is being done here with 11. Dayger describes it as a "very accessible dance, very American. It begs for play and a sense of fun."

There's a lot of freedom in a Lubovitch dance. The dancers move alone, in pairs, in lines, and everybody partners everybody else, "which the men love," Dayger says. "They get equal time with the women."

"Some years ago we performed 'Blue Star,' one of our signature pieces for many years, in Eastern Europe. I don't remember where, and the audiences were amazed and envious at the freedom. That was the first time we had people chase our bus down the street, just like we were rock stars."

Dayger, 45, always wanted to be a dancer. He grew up in the Catskills, "when my tap-dance teacher moved away I spent all my pocket money on the juke box, and fast-danced."

But what really clinched it for him was watching the Peter Gennaro Dancers on TV go through their slick routines counting aloud. "I want to do that, I said. I think I was 10. And I have."

He has been with Lubovitch since 1969 when the choreographer discovered him at the Martha Graham School. He's been Lubovitch's dance director for 15 years and increasingly mounts the choreographer's work with other dance companies. He's done "Concerto 622" in Portugal and with the Pennsylvania Ballet.

"It's Lar's work. I try to make it as close to the original steps as possible, but with each company it evolves a little differently."

Also on the program is Fokine's *Chopiniana*, to the music of Chopin, and the world premiere of *Gurrelieder*, a new ballet by Israel Ballet artistic director Berta Yampolsky, set to the work of that name by Arnold Schoenberg.

Chamber potluck

TICKETS went on sale last Friday for the Kof Yisrael Upper Galilee Chamber Music Days, better known as the Kfar Blum summer music festival, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

The highlight of the July 23-30 festival is expected to be three concerts featuring music theater compositions. They include Menotti's operatic ditty *The Telephone*, Stravinsky's *A Soldier's Tale*, Maxwell-Davies's *Eight Songs for a Mad King*, Walton's *Facade*, and Schonberg's *Pierrot Lunaire*. Michael Ajzenstadt

Brass at its brilliant best

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Even Gabrieli was livened up with a smile. The players were strategically dispersed among the audience for intimacy and an authentic, Renaissance-like stereo effect.

It was only in the *Magic Flute* Overture and *Summer from the Four Seasons*, that Mozart and Vivaldi didn't seem to gain anything from the ensemble's arrangements. Ury Epstein

THE FORTEPIANIST appearing with the Academy of Ancient Music, Robert Levin, knows how to make listeners happy: by involving them in a fair amount of audience participation — like making them write the musical themes for his on-the-spot improvisations.

This he does with unbelievable inventiveness, his musical ideas chasing one another in rapid succession, breathtaking yet always faithful to the style of Mozart. No less surprising are his own cadenzas in Mozart's Piano Concertos Nos. 11 and 12, which he improvises on the spur of the moment, making consistent but unexpected and inspired use of the works' themes.

If, as claimed, 18th-century audiences really heard the kind of orchestral sound the Academy of Ancient Music produces under the direction of Christopher Hogwood, every concert must have been a real treat.

The intimacy, transparency and lightness of touch conveyed by the period instruments, their bowing technique and the reduced size of the orchestra does away with all the heavy layers of lush, reverberating sound that the Romantics superimposed on the refined sonic sensibilities of their predecessors. Ury Epstein

IN THE *Sinfonia Concertante* in E flat major (the Rishon LeZion Symphony Orchestra's Mozart evening), the solo wind instruments sounded best when the tutti was silent or played piano.

Whether this distorted balance resulted from the Henry Crown Hall's notoriously poor acoustics or conductor Justus Frantz's lack of control is open to conjecture.

When audible, the woodwinds (Dudu Carmel, Chen Halevi, Mauricio Paez) sounded musically correct, if aloof, and maintained a reasonably professional level.

This is more than can be said about hornist Chezy Nir.

Mozart's characteristic charm was absent; and the Piano Concerto in C minor, one of the composer's profoundest works, sounded merely easygoing in Frantz's playing and conducting from the piano.

What it all added up to was a light-hearted performance — not an exciting one.

The concluding *Haffner* Symphony sounded robust, with no trace of Viennese aristocratic elegance. Ury Epstein

PINHAS ZUKERMAN is an aesthete of the violin and the viola in many ways. He produces an immensely soft, sweet, delicate tone, particularly suitable for the ethereal lightness of Ravel's Sonata in G major.

However, the refinement of sound bordered on the anemic.

Brahms's Viola Sonata op. 120/2, better known in its clarinet version, was a masterpiece of self-control and restraint — the kind Brahms may, perhaps, have displayed in his everyday life, but not in his music.

Pianist Marc Neikrug's approach to the music was diametrically opposed to Zukerman's. It was overtly expressive and unworriedly extroverted.

That the two musicians manage nevertheless to perform together in perfect harmony and coordination is a remarkable achievement. Ury Epstein

DUENDE or magnetism, that

magic word taken from the language of Spanish dance, was apparent in all 10 dancers of the Cristina Hoyos Ballet at the Israel Festival's last dance event.

Yet when Hoyos herself appeared in a long-tailed green dress, a sculptured figure standing in half-light before launching herself into fantastic *allegrias*, there was something more: fire, virtuosity and stardom.

She maintained a wonderful lightness and ease as she undulated her hands and arms, swished the tail of her gown and stamped at incredible speeds, and with ever-changing rhythms.

Then Adrian Galia emerged in his own solo, like a young god sure of himself, fascinating in his pride, terrific in his heel tapping, swift in his spins and deliberate in the swing of arm and leg. With his matchless timing, the passion of flamenco grew even more.

There were no stories in these dances, though the duet by Hoyos and Galia was a love dance about meeting and parting. Two of the women, wearing rich black gowns, added sultry drama.

At the end, the company showed its individuality in an unusual way. Everybody lined up, including the guitarists and the singers, who had been seated upstage most of the time.

Each contributed a solo, and even the musicians did a token dance. The audience was delighted. Dora Sowden

Jarreau postponed

SINGER Al Jarreau's scheduled performance tonight at Sultan's Pool in Jerusalem has been postponed because his pianist Joe Sample has a heart ailment.

Jarreau's concert planned for last night in Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium was also put off.

Israel Festival officials say he will appear on July 19 at the Jerusalem International Convention Center (Binayim Ha'uma) and July 20 at the Mann Auditorium.

Ticket-holders can either exchange their tickets or get refunds.

ICO resumes the hunt

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Israel Chamber Orchestra is again without a music director, after the rank and file won their fight against the appointment of Menahem Nebenzahl.

After strong protests, the ICO board revised its offer to Nebenzahl, specifying no time frame. He declined.

Nebenzahl was house conductor last season.

The situation follows the resignation of musical adviser Shlomo Mintz about six months ago.

"We have nothing against Nebenzahl, he's a very nice guy. But this is not the issue," said one musician. "We need some charismatic musician to lead the orchestra; otherwise it will be doomed."

Some orchestra members have mentioned American violinist/conductor Joseph Swenson and Berlin-based Israeli conductor Ascher Fisch as ideal candidates. Others hinted that there have been preliminary talks with Polish composer/conductor Krzysztof Penderecki.



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The incredible Lubavitcher

It is neither common nor fitting in Judaism to attribute superhuman characteristics to a religious leader. That Menahem Mendel Schneerson, spiritual leader of the Lubavitch Hassidim, became a messianic figure in his lifetime was probably not his doing. It was an expression of all-consuming faith by followers devoted to the charismatic rebbe beyond all bounds of reason.

To admirers of the rebbe's uncanny grasp of world affairs and his effective intervention on behalf of Jews everywhere, such blind adulation only detracted from his image. They prefer to think of him as the man of boundless intelligence, understanding and sagacity who became what *Newsweek* magazine called the most influential Jew of our time.

Alone among the haredi leaders in the Diaspora, the Lubavitcher believed not only in the supreme justice of Israel's cause, but in the nation's power to work historic miracles. To hear him talk of the Six Day War or the Entebbe rescue was to hear a proud man of the spirit firmly grounded in the real world.

That his emissaries around the globe dealt effectively with governments to rescue Jews - including, most recently, a thousand Chernobyl children brought to Israel; that he helped bolster the morale of Israeli soldiers with holiday gifts; that he encouraged careers for women; and that he put Israel's security and welfare at the top of his priorities were among the numerous qualities that made him a unique figure in the hassidic world.

To the many who do not count themselves among the hassidim, he represented the best of the traditional Jewish world: the rabbi who values Jewish unity over strict observance; the orthodox believer open to new ideas and the uses of modern technology; the scholar and teacher with a warm, understanding heart.

And when the messianic fantasies of some of his followers are forgotten, he will be remembered by both religious and "secular" as that extraordinary, gentle man who galvanized hundreds of thousands with his faith, and made them a force for good in a hostile, troubled world.

The tyrant of Nigeria

ONE year ago, Gen. Ibrahim Babangida annulled a perfectly acceptable democratic election in Nigeria. The ensuing chaos made it easy for Gen. Sani Abacha and the military to seize power five months later. Abacha dissolved all 30 state governments, all local councils, and the federal legislature. Nigeria's system of government was similar to that of the United States, so it needs only a brief pause for thought to understand the enormity of such a sweeping abolition of a nation's democratic infrastructure.

Abacha made the usual hollow noises of the dictator - army rule would be temporary, the dissolution of the state institutions and federal government was merely to clear a path to "true democracy." Abacha declared he would "brook no nonsense" from democracy campaigners, politicians, media or people - a "be quiet!" list that would make China envious.

So, one year later, where are the signs of this true democracy? Nigeria's overseas embassies have been loud in celebrating the advent of black rule in South Africa. This story of liberated democracy and reconciliation, led by a man of President Nelson Mandela's stature, is indeed worth celebrating in Africa - which is more than can be said for the sordid little dictatorship in Nigeria.

Even with the recent example of South Africa to embarrass him, Abacha has not hesitated to mark the first anniversary of the hijacked election with more repression. Abacha has arrested about two dozen politicians and human rights activists in the past two weeks and ordered the arrest of the man who clearly won last year's poll - president-elect Moshood K.O. Abiola. Abiola defied the self-appointed military by reminding them he was the legally and fairly elected president. He was placed under house arrest but yesterday

further embarrassed the dictators and delighted the democrats by escaping.

The same Abacha who proclaimed last year he would brook "no nonsense" on the road to democracy said yesterday that any challenge to his rule will be "sternly punished." In a nationwide address to the 90 million long-suffering Nigerians, Abacha said he would not compromise with pro-democracy groups. Inevitably, he pleaded, he was pursuing "genuine democracy" but, as with all previous military dictators who have ruled Nigeria, the word "timetable" seems to be missing from Abacha's vocabulary. Meanwhile, it is a reasonable offense even to criticize his government.

Yesterday, Nelson Mandela arrived in Tunis for his first Organization of African Unity summit as South Africa's president. While the sycophantic members of this decrepit and inept talking-shop are giving Mandela red-carpet treatment, the best that can be said is that he deserves the welcome, but they don't deserve his presence. Abacha gave the OAU a timely reminder that South Africa is now a rare exception on the continent. While it has chosen progress, its neighbors have become further mired in self-inflicted miseries as they lurch from crisis to crisis. Nasty conflicts in Angola, Liberia and Somalia are overshadowed by the bloody disaster in Rwanda. All of Africa accounts for just over one percent of world trade and seven million of the world's 18 million refugees are Africans.

Nigeria has the potential to be as rich and powerful as South Africa hopes to remain. In this day and age, and given the dreadful state of Africa, the anti-democratic posturing of Nigeria's military dictators is a disgrace and an obscenity. President-elect Abiola should be allowed to claim his rightful office at once.

Well-meant, but fuzzy

I don't understand how the new Third Way circle got its name. Historically speaking, it should be called "The First Way," and adherents of a Greater Israel dubbed representatives of "The Second Way."

The truth is that there is no third way, because no significant portion of the public believes in negotiating on the basis of returning to the 1949 ceasefire lines.

If there was such a bloc, and if it had any public standing, there would be no need for interim agreements. It would have been preferable, in such a case, to have gone straight to a final-status agreement with the Palestinians.

"The third way" approach launched last week was born almost the day after the Six Day War. It was the declared policy of Mapai (forerunner of Labor) of those days, and its guiding principles are in force today.

The first principle is "territorial compromise," calling for evacuating as large a portion as possible of the territories captured by the IDF in the war.

This principle is based on two premises. First: Israel has no intention of returning to the June 4, 1967 lines - and not only as regards Jerusalem, over which the Knesset has enacted legislation. Second: Israel doesn't want to take over all of Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

The second principle, which follows on the first, is a refusal to impose Israeli rule over another people.

This is not a theoretical affair, an effort to reach the level of "no Arabs" in Greater Israel (as the Molelet party preaches). Rather it is an attempt to arrive at borders that will not increase in any significant way the ratio of Arabs to Jews within the boundaries of the state.

The third principle is the fashioning of borders that will significantly improve Israel's ability to defend itself, as compared to the

SHILOMO GAZIT

1949 ceasefire lines. In this context, it's little wonder that holding onto the Golan Heights, the Jordan Rift Valley and the West Bank mountain range is under discussion.

The fourth principle came into being fairly recently. It stems from a new reality that cannot be ignored either by adherents of Jew-

ing, it is reasonable to assume that each side will be asked to soften its opening stand. We who support a diplomatic process believe that the differences between the two sides can be bridged. But it is possible that those differences are too great, in which case the negotiations will hit a dead end.

It is impossible not to be amazed by another of the Third Way circle's assumptions. On the one hand, its members support the current peace process, including the interim agreements reached at Oslo and Cairo. On the other hand, they totally reject any solution that is based on the establishment of a Palestinian state.

It is possible to understand all those who aren't exactly overjoyed by the prospects of a problematic Palestinian state existing alongside Israel. But outright rejection of this option is hypocritical.

Israel is conducting negotiations with the PLO leadership, as the legitimate representative of the Palestinians. We all know that the primary objective of this leadership is the establishment of a Palestinian state. Furthermore, Jordan's washing its hands of responsibility for the diplomatic fate of the West Bank leaves Israel with no Arab negotiating partner other than the Palestinians.

Outright rejection of the possibility of Palestinian statehood would require us to sever diplomatic ties with the Palestinian leadership immediately and renounce on the agreements we have signed.

It is difficult to understand a political line that suggests territorial compromise, but rejects any chance of a diplomatic solution by turning its back on the sole candidate for negotiations.

The writer, a former head of military intelligence, is a senior research fellow at the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies of Tel Aviv University.

When the sides start negotiat-

Varied vices

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

WHEN the US surgeon general issued his 1964 report on smoking, 42 percent of Americans smoked. Today he figure is 26 percent. The campaign against smoking is the most successful exercise in mass behavioral change in our time.

There has been no public health success like it since Prohibition. Yes, Prohibition: it was a law enforcement disaster but a public health triumph. The decline it caused in cirrhosis and alcoholic psychosis was dramatic. And alcohol consumption did not reach pre-Prohibition levels again until 1971.

In the end, however, Prohibition failed because it overreached. The modern prohibitionists have learned the lesson. This time, no grand measures like constitutional amendments. The strategy, far more insidious, is gradualism.

The campaign is now in its second phase. Phase I was the propaganda phase. Those stamps on cigarette boxes had a remarkable deterrent effect. But even more important was the ban on TV advertising.

This flagrant violation of free speech worked splendidly. It worked not only directly, depriving young people of the subliminal image-driven imperative to puff, but

This is the kind of repression I like. But it doesn't go nearly far enough

indirectly as tobacco aversion worked its way into free media. When cigarettes began to disappear from TV shows and the lips of movie stars, the deglamorization of tobacco was under way. Its decline became inevitable.

Now, however, we are in Phase 2. Phase 1, propaganda, banned images of smoking. Phase 2, repression, bans smoking itself - in restaurants, theaters, airplanes, offices. The result, writes Peter Berger in the current *Commentary*, is the phenomenon of the furtive smoker sneaking a sidewalk drag. Berger is alarmed that smokers have taken this lying down. He sees their surrender as a sign of the decline of American individualism, a capitulation to the new class of social engineers eager to run society and reform the citizenry by their own liberal lights.

BERGER'S POINT is well-taken. The tobacco campaign is an extraordinary example of official repression in the service of social engineering. Unlike Berger, however, I like the result. I'm even willing to pay for it with a bit of repression. In fact, we could use more of it.

With tobacco such a success, why do the reformers stop there? Why not go after alcohol with similar vigor? TV sports, for example, are one long paean to the glories of drink, interrupted by the occasional forward pass or double play. It is scandal that teens and preteens should learn to want beer while watching baseball on TV.

If tobacco advertising can be banned from TV, why not alcohol? Alcohol is an addictive drug, and its consequences are as devastating as tobacco's. In fact, it has short-term consequences - traffic deaths, domestic violence - that tobacco is entirely free of. And its long-range consequences are devastating: \$13b. in direct medical costs, \$37b. in lost productivity, and over 100,000 premature deaths a year.

Moreover, for all the loose and disingenuous talk about the dangers of second-hand smoke, alcohol is an even less private affair than tobacco. Addiction to alcohol, unlike tobacco, causes psychological derangement and pathological behavior that devastates not just individuals but whole families.

And while we are at it, why not go after other vices? We could sorely use, for example, a tobacco-like campaign of disapproval and stigmatization of fathers and mothers who produce illegitimate children they have no desire or capacity to care for.

Indeed, the really interesting question about the current anti-smoking mania is: Why just smoking? The answer, I think, is this: For the liberal reformer, smoking is politically safe. It is harmful, but value-free; a mere vice, not a sin. Cigarettes poison only lungs, not character; they have no moral content.

Singling out tobacco is politically expedient, but socially irrational. If we are going to repress, let's be equal opportunity repressors. Let's go after those things that wreck not just bodies but character, that ruin not just the individual, but entire families and communities.

If the self-righteous social engineers could only muster the same repressive energy against the morally charged vices that they do against the morally neutral ones, they might actually give repression a good name.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RELATIONS WITH ITALY

Sir, - I have read what Yossi Beilin had to say about the new Italian government and attribute it to the political maneuvering of the Italian left-wing parties who have not accepted the results of our recent elections. I am sure that the danger to Jews in Italy does not come from the present government.

In Italy, since 1967, the greatest enemy of Israel and the biggest antisemites have been the communists and socialists. They start with anti-Zionism and the difference between anti-Zionism and antisemitism is very small. For the com-

munist, anti-Zionism was merely the mask of antisemitism. They only support the PLO and consider Israel a dictatorship.

Italy is not Germany and I do not believe it constitutes a fascist danger. In our elections, what the Italian people voted for is liberty and not a communist or fascist society. It is also true that many Catholics are antisemites. But that is another story.

RODOLFO BALLARDINI,
President,
Alliance for Israel
Brescia.

APPALLING AD

Sir, - I have been a subscriber to your paper for 13 years. Although frustrated and sometimes disgusted by biased editorial policy or sloppy journalism, the advantages of a few good, sometimes excellent, writers and features kept my money continuing to flow into your coffers. This changed on May 27.

Your advertisement of the Bet Din Elyon of America which condemned gays and lesbians and anyone supporting them, shocked and appalled me. The ranting bigotry, spewing of hatred, and incitement to violence would never have been permitted in any self-respecting newspaper. I have a feeling that the same sort of ad directed at any other group - racial, ethnic, religious or geographical - would have been rejected immediately.

It is ironic that in a time when we are seeing nations of the world stand up and outlaw organizations and groups which would condemn to death other people simply because they exist, an Israeli paper would provide a forum for just such a group.

Until today, the only place I encountered such a violent and

PRACTICAL ZIONISM

Sir, - Your correspondent Ruth Willers ("Right to criticize," *Letters*, May 25) descends to a despicable level of vilification when she states that she remembers that Dan Leon as a Mapam shalish in London "seemed to spend more time in bashing the government of Israel than recruiting new olim."

I remember Dan Leon as a youth leader of Hashomer Hatzair in England (a movement that required aliya of all its members) in the days before the establishment of the state, as a halutz in the young State of Israel (a founding member of Kibbutz Yasur) and I know that he has devoted his whole life to the ideals of Socialist Zionism.

Ruth Willers, on the other hand, writes to you frequently from a comfortable London suburb. Does she consider herself a Zionist? Is she considering being an olah? What has she done for aliya, for the practical implementation of Zionism?

RAPHAEL GEFEN
Jerusalem.

NEW YORK FAN

Sir, - I refer to your recent "Rest of Us: GO Pacers!" (June 7). As a bated New York Knicks fan, I take great pleasure in quoting Ephraim Kishon: "So sorry we won" (He was referring to another major June victory which was also good for the Jews).

Perhaps your "burden" will be eased by Houston or Vancouver, perhaps not (and then I will quote Ralph Kramden "How sweet it is"). In any case, I hope you will be able to overcome your allergic reaction to New York sports fans and avoid attacks on our teams' excellence.

MOSHE BERLIN
Jerusalem.

Dogs who stand and bark

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

ISRAELIS and others who have recently spent time with Palestinians in the territories, especially in those areas not under the Gaza and Jericho self-rule agreement, report that many of their interlocutors are deeply depressed.

There are many possible reasons for this. Those who aren't opposed to reaching a compromise with Israel may be feeling frustrated and helpless.

At long last, the process they have been dreaming of has begun - but they haven't any influence over it. All the important decisions are being taken elsewhere - in Tunis - with local leaders seemingly having little or no say. For local Palestinians, this situation creates fears on two levels.

On the first level, they fear that the opportunity which has opened up may be missed through incompetence and mismanagement, without their being able to do anything about it. This could result in "Gaza and Jericho first" turning into "Gaza and Jericho - full stop."

The second fear is that even if the process continues, the emerging regime will be autocratic, undemocratic and corrupt, the only change being that Israeli officers and officials will be replaced by Palestinian ones.

Dr. Eyyad al-Surra, a Gaza physician, has suggested an additional cause for Palestinian depression: the fact that, for the first time, the Palestinians are confronting reality. They are face to face with the fact that the whole of Palestine will not be liberated; that most refugees will never return to their former homes and lands.

Only now, 46 years after many of them lost land and homes in 1948-9, are the Palestinians start-

ing to wake up from their fantasies and beginning to mourn their loss in earnest.

In Israel, the situation is, of course, different. Israel is a functioning democratic state. Despite the fluidity and instability of the situation, most people are able to

Many Palestinians and Israelis are in deep depression

find constructive outlets for their fears and frustrations.

Nevertheless, against the background of the current peace process, two groups of Israelis also appear to be under severe emotional stress. The first group is the settlers. The second is the right - and the two groups aren't identical.

IN THE CASE of the settlers, the source of the stress is clear. Even though Prime Minister Rabin insisted that no settlements be dismantled during the current stage of the agreement with the Palestinians, most settlers, even the diehards, know that the future is unclear at best.

A growing number of settlers have already accommodated themselves to the fact that, sooner or later, they will have to move back into "little Israel." For them, the timing of that move is largely a function of economic considerations.

But the majority of settlers,

even among those who support the peace process, are confused. Some continue to hope that the Israeli withdrawal from the territories will be only partial and their particular settlement will come under Israeli sovereignty.

Others pray that before any withdrawals become effective, there will be a change of government and the whole "nightmare" will come to an end. Some might understand that an Israeli withdrawal is inevitable, but are still finding it very difficult to deal with this realization emotionally.

For the right, both in the territories and within the Green Line, the problem is much more difficult, as Prof. Ehud Sprinzak explained at recent conference on Israel and the PLO.

The only way to define the right today, Sprinzak said, is in terms of Greater Israel. Since the future of Greater Israel has been undermined by the agreement reached with the PLO, the whole identity of the right has come under threat.

However, since the right is, on the whole, committed to democracy, there's very little its members can do except warn, demonstrate and try, as MK Hanan Porat did in the case of the Third Way circle, to find partners in the Labor Party willing to go along with some of their goals.

They can also pray that either the Palestinians will "blow it," or that progress will be so slow as to render the situation not totally irreversible before the next elections.

There's a Hebrew saying which goes: "The dogs bark, and the convoy moves on." It isn't surprising that many right-wingers feel they're the ones doing the barking.

The writer is Editor of the Labor movement's monthly, *Spectrum*.

Unanswered questions about Dimona

EARTHLY CONCERNS
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

SCIENTIFIC reports and surveys are tricky to read and assess, which is why misleading information sometimes appears in the media.

It's not that the journalists don't accurately report what they hear, but that the person publishing the data often doesn't know what he should be looking for in order to make an accurate assessment.

Most recently we've been told by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid that a study has shown that workers at the Dimona nuclear research station have 20 percent less incidence of cancer than the general population.

Now Sarid is, in my estimation, an honorable and an honest man. However, I question his ability to evaluate the work on which he based his statements.

Although he has vast experience and very sound educational background, I don't recall hearing that any of it was ever science-related.

Therefore, a number of questions need to be asked.

First, just how many present and former workers from the Dimona station were studied? We know that there can be a latency period of 30 years or more between exposure to radiation and the development of malignancies.

Did this study include people who worked there in the '60s and '70s and have since left? I suspect not. I know several people who were employed there in the '60s and left long ago, and none of them was ever contacted or evaluated; one of them did have a malignant lesion removed.

Did the survey include only current employees? If so, how long have they been employed at the nuclear facility?

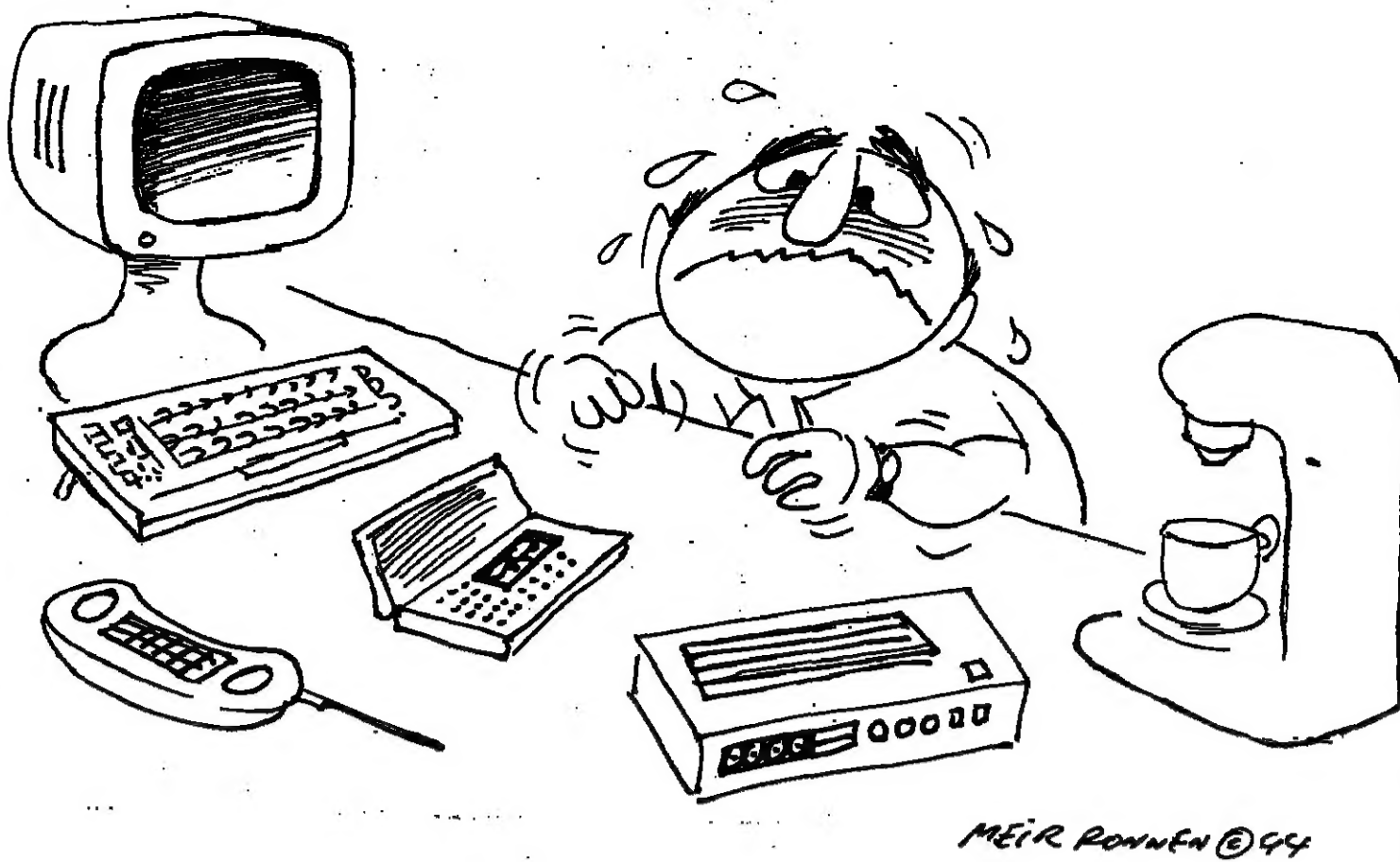
Then there is the question of what is designated as the "general population." Which population? Was it chosen to parallel the employees as to level of education, general health, age, lifestyle? I have doubts about this because it simply wasn't mentioned.

The employees of the Dimona facility are, by definition, young, healthy (they must pass rigid physical exams to be accepted), upper-income level.

That means not only that they are well nourished but that they have almost certainly had annual or even semi-annual physical examinations. "Can we compare them to a random sample of Israelis who see a doctor only if they are sick?"

This would be tantamount to saying that the children of parents who work for X Corporation have 60 percent fewer dental cavities than the children of workers at J Corporation - and no one mentions that X Corp. offers free dental care to employees and their families.

There are other questions that might be addressed. The point is that a report is only as valid as the interpreter.



All thumbs in a push-button world

STEPHEN WILLIAMS

THE information highway, a spiritual boulevard through cyberspace that's just under construction, is already littered with stranded travelers: the technophobes.

Technophobes can't reset the stations on their car radios or program the digital Krups coffee-maker to drip on cue.

They're stymied by phones - cellular, cordless and Touch-Tone - and confused about call waiting. Automated-teller machines and "point-and-shoot" cameras give them headaches.

"I made a commitment to learn how to set my alarm clock," Rior-don Roett says. "But I bought and never used two of the great little things, like calculators, into which you enter phone numbers. Wanna buy one?"

Roett, who says he wouldn't even think of programming his VCR and has a shelf full of unread instruction manuals, is professor and director of the Latin American Studies program at Johns Hopkins University in Washington, DC. Which means he's not stupid. Which also means he's got technophobia.

"To the degree to which one has competent staff to do these things," Roett says, "one doesn't have to be concerned."

Most technophobes, though, don't have staff. What they do share is a common symbol: the "12:00 AM" that flashes incessantly on the front of their VCRs. The VCRs that they can't program.

"I've seen people put friction tape over the numbers, so [the blinking] doesn't remind them that they can't set the time," says Larry Rosen, a psychology professor who has been studying techno-

phobia for a decade. Rosen insists that technophobia can be overcome.

Whether they believe that or not, technophobes can at the least take comfort in numbers - they are not alone.

MORE THAN half of Americans - 55 percent, specifically - suffer some degree of technophobia, whether it's playing a compact disc or booting up a Dell computer, according to Dell Computer, which commissioned a study last year on what it called "the phobia of the '90s."

Teens were far more comfortable with middle- to high-tech goodies and gadgets, according to the report, but computer illiteracy is rife among adults: More than a third of the sample - ranging in age up to their 60s - contacted during the 10-year study say they won't use a computer because they're afraid they might break it.

Eight percent of the grown-ups were anxious about using digital alarm clocks, fearful the alarms wouldn't go off in-the-morning. And 25 percent of the adults reported that they miss typewriters.

Technophobia is "an inner problem, not an outer problem," says Rosen, who teaches at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

"Technophobes say to themselves, 'I can't do this, it's too complicated. I better pay the BMW people for an hour of time to set my car radio.' They're pelting themselves with messages that become self-fulfilling prophecies."

Although some data suggest otherwise, Rosen believes the no-

tion that kids are natural at technology and adults aren't is bunk.

None of Rosen's research shows much of a correlation between age or gender and technophobia, he says. "The Nintendo generation is just that: comfortable with Nintendo games, but not particularly comfortable with computers." People aren't born afraid of toasters and answering machines, Rosen says. "Typically, the cause is a poor early introduction to technology, or learning from someone who is already technophobic. The attitudes they carry around rub off."

Psychologists Rosen and his wife, Michelle Weil, supported by a grant from the US Department of Education, treated more than 200 technophobes for an hour a week for five weeks "with a 92-percent success rate," Rosen says.

To prevent the recoil response, Rosen says, relax. "Play with the machine when nothing valuable's attached. Program the VCR for 2 in the morning, use the word processor when you don't have a paper due."

Other tips: When you get stuck with the machine, get help from someone who is calm and comfortable, and have him or her lead you through the steps. Educate yourself by reading about the technology, and practice, practice, practice.

Resisting the world of push buttons and software and magnetic stripes makes for inconveniences in the '90s, but somewhere down the information highway it might well be a serious liability. Human bank tellers are becoming rare commodities; increasingly, library card catalogs are available only to

those who can scroll through lists on a computer.

THE '90s are a time of transition, say some sociologists, with more and more companies turning to machines instead of people, because machines are more cost-effective.

Says Walter Waetjen, chairman of the Technology Education Advisory Council and former president of Cleveland State University, "At the rate at which technology is growing, we will find more and more people alienated by it. There's no way around it.... They will be left behind."

His solution: mandated technical education for all public-school students, from elementary through high school.

A study conducted last year for the Backer Spielvogel Bates agency found that only one in five Americans is a prospective subscriber/user for emerging products such as interactive television, virtual-reality toys and games, and wireless "personal digital assistants" like Apple's Newton message pad.

Agencies like BSB are scrambling to target "the technostats out there," says Craig Gugel, senior vice president and director of media research for the company.

A technostat - which BSB calls its "super consumer" - is typically about 38, with an income of \$56,500, 14.1 years of schooling and a tendency to watch less TV and read more, he says.

Older consumers, in their late 40s and beyond, may be more inclined toward passive TV viewing, Gugel says.

For the rest, he says, advertising and the way it is programmed "will have to change." (Newsday)

Arrow's bull's eye keeps it on target

STEVE RODAN

THE Americans and Israelis launched the Arrow missile project with a honeymoon. They plunged into their research with enthusiasm, and affectionately forgave each other's mistakes.

Then came the routine. Minor mistakes became annoying. The clashing work habits of the Americans and Israelis no longer seemed charming. Their expectations began to differ.

The honeymoon was over. "Some of the ardor has cooled," said a US defense official involved in the Arrow project.

But, like many marriages, this one will continue - for at least the next two years - with both partners more sober about the future.

The Arrow missile program, which began with the signing of a memorandum of understanding by the US and Israel in May 1986, has reached the end of its second stage, and the partners are preparing for the real challenge: launching and perfecting the Arrow II missile Israel hopes will be operational by 1998.

Yesterday's successful launch, in which the Arrow hit its target, was the last of three scheduled firings that tested the missile's ability to intercept and destroy an incoming enemy missile armed with a dummy chemical warhead.

Over the past year, the demonstration Arrow I has been fired four times. Twice, the missile came within several meters of, but didn't actually destroy, the incoming missile. In both cases, the sensors couldn't find the target quickly enough to detonate and neutralize its enemy warhead.

The Americans have been watching these failures critically, said Gerald Steinberg, senior researcher at Bar-Ilan University's BESA Center for Strategic Studies.

Two of the launches were termed "no-tests," meaning that failures had prevented the completion of the mission.

The previous launch in March was aborted when a personal computer aboard the naval vessel from which the Arrow and the target missile were fired malfunctioned. An earlier no-test was determined when the target missile was fired out of range of the Arrow interceptor.

Officially, the no-tests don't affect the success of the program. Arrow sources compare it to a school grade of incomplete - you don't fail. But repeating the test wastes time. In the case of the Arrow, the waste includes plenty of money - about \$7 million per launch.

US sources blame what they term Israel's rushed approach to the project for the lack of success.

"Some of the mistakes come from cutting corners," said an American industry source close to the Arrow project. "It's frustrating because these are things which should not be cropping up."

Privately, some Israeli sources agree. But they say that is the price Arrow managers pay for having a program that cannot be reimbursed for overrunning its \$322-million budget, 72 percent of which is paid by Washington.

Moreover, the Arrow - due to lack of space - must be launched on an unmanned missile boat at sea, where no mishap can be corrected. In contrast, US missiles are launched in huge deserts.

"On land, if you have a malfunction, you have a technician who can fix things on the spot," an

Israeli defense source said. "On the sea, there is nobody there to correct something as simple as resetting a personal computer."

BEFORE YESTERDAY'S test, American and Israeli officials carefully reviewed procedure to ensure that nothing was overlooked.

The Israelis say malfunctions in the Arrow I program will be corrected in the next stage by developing more advanced sensors which will spot an enemy missile from 10 km. instead of 300 m.

"We will have a solution," said an Israeli source involved in the Arrow project. "But we need to be patient. The customer [the US] is not very patient. It wants a success."

Steinberg, of the BESA Center, agrees.

"The Israelis have viewed [yesterday's] test as technically unimportant because the second Arrow missile will be technologically different," Steinberg said. "The Israelis have been constrained by the Americans looking over their shoulder."

The tactical disagreements over Arrow are highlighted by the vulnerability of the project. The US and Israel have spent six years and nearly \$500 million, but the Arrow program has been accompanied by a chorus of criticism in Washington and Tel Aviv.

The current US defense budget provides for an additional \$25 million this year on condition that the Arrow intercepts and destroys the target missile.

Privately, US officials involved in the Arrow are relieved that the project has not been heralded as an overwhelming success. That, they say, would have resulted in heavy pressure by contractors of US antimissile defense programs to halt the Arrow.

A more basic criticism is that the Arrow is far too costly a program for Israel, and a missile-defense system is useless against nuclear attack.

Policy planners in this country, however, are determined to continue the program regardless of US support. Current American support is ensured until the end of fiscal 1995.

The Defense Ministry here is pouring money into an attempt to produce and deploy an Arrow missile battery by 1998. This would include long-range radar that can spot an incoming enemy missile virtually from its launching pad.

"You don't need an Arrow that can give you an answer to all the Scud missiles in the region," a senior defense official said. "There isn't an answer to everything."

Regardless, the Arrow project will proceed. Arrow II will be launched in the first of seven tests at the end of the year. It is smaller, lighter and has a longer range than the demonstration Arrow.

The last launch is expected in mid-1996, about a year behind schedule. Arrow sources say the program is about 10 percent over budget.

Local sources say deployment of even a small number of Arrow missile batteries will cost hundreds of millions of dollars. The US weekly *Defense Week* reports an estimate of \$232m. over the next five years.

"It will be hard for the Israelis to go out and do it on their own," Steinberg said. "This will require an enormous amount of money."

Divide joint property to conquer the tax man

LAW REPORT

ASHER FELIX LANDAU

In the Supreme Court, sitting as a court of civil appeals, before Justices David Levin, Gavriel Bach and Eliyahu Mazza, in the matters of Miriam Yahalom and others, appellants, versus the Land Appreciation Tax Director, respondent; and the LAT Director, appellant, versus Miriam Sarig and another, respondents (C.A. 5774/91, 799/92).

MIRIAM Yahalom and the other appellants in C.A. 5774/91 are the children of Bracha and Zecharia Cohen, who married in 1917. Zecharia died in 1967. Bracha is 82.

The respondents in C.A. 799/92 are the children of Regina and Alexander Amdur, who married in 1928. Alexander died in 1971 and Regina died in 1987.

The appellants in C.A. 5774/91 moved the Nazareth District Court for a declaration that they were entitled to inherit from their mother her half share of their parents' assets.

They relied on the presumption that those assets belonged to their parents jointly since they married before the Spouses (Property Relations) Law of 1973, and they had made no agreement as to the division of their property.

The appellants had made it clear that the sole object of their application was to obtain tax benefits under the Land Appreciation Tax Law of 1963 in relation to future deals involving the property. (The appeals did not relate to the value of the inheritances to each child.)

The respondents in C.A. 799/92 made a similar application, on the same grounds and for the same object, to the Jerusalem District Court.

The Nazareth application was dismissed but that in Jerusalem was granted. Both the losing parties then appealed to the Supreme Court which consolidated the

hearings since the same point of law arose in both cases.

In delivering the judgment of the court, Justice Levin first enunciated the principle that a spouse who died before exercising his right to a half share of the property, although having the opportunity to do so, must be regarded as having forfeited that right.

Citing Supreme Court precedents and legal writings, he reiterated that the presumption of joint ownership was based on an "implied contract" flowing from the joint efforts of the parties in conducting and advancing the family unit.

Marriage in itself did not automatically create the presumption, nor indeed was it necessary for the parties to be married.

The property rights between couples living a normal joint life were not always embodied in formal agreements. There was to be a factual basis for the conclusion that the parties intended to establish the joint ownership of their assets.

It followed, Justice Levin continued, that the presumption in itself was not sufficient to enforce the right to half the property. It was necessary for the court to recognize the presumption officially after examining all the circumstances.

It often happened that the immovable property of the couple was registered in the name of only one of them, and it was essential for the court to authorize its division between the parties.

There was considerable conflict in the precedents as to the true nature of the right discussed. However, the true legal nature of the right could not affect the necessity of obtaining a court order to make it enforceable.

Justice Levin then considered who was entitled to approach the court to enforce the presumption of "joint assets."

The surviving partner's right to claim was indisputable, but the question arose as to whether the heirs enjoyed that right.

In principle, he said, there was

no bar to such a claim by the heirs. He rejected the submission that the right in question was a "special personal right." The spouse - or other partner - who enjoyed the right was entitled to bequeath it as he could his other rights.

But there was one situation in which a claim by the heirs would be inadmissible, and that was when the spouse or partner had waived the right to claim his half of the property during his lifetime.

In discussing the question of waiver, Justice Levin emphasized that the waiver related to the failure of the survivor to claim the property although he had a reasonable opportunity to do so.

The claim was primarily that of the spouse or partner, and if he chose not to enforce it, his heirs could not do so.

Another difficulty facing children who lodged their claim some years after their parents' death was the necessity of proving the parents' life-style to establish the presumption of joint ownership. If children could claim, so could grandchildren and even great-grandchildren, and there would be no limit.

Citing precedents and Jewish law, Justice Levin emphasized that allowing such claims would challenge the very basis of the Prescription Law of 1958.

The whole policy of that law was to limit claims which had be-

come outmoded by passage of time.

The principle of the joint ownership of the assets of a couple living together and conducting a joint household, which had been conceived by the court itself, should not be unduly extended.

Where, therefore, the surviving partner had waived his claim, a claim by his heirs should not be entertained.

The widows in both appeals could have claimed their rights to a half share of the assets at the stage of the issue of succession orders under the Succession Law of 1965, and also on later occasions.

By failing to do so they waived their rights to claim the property, and the claims by their heirs, therefore, could not be sustained. Counsel had submitted that the heirs should have followed the procedures laid down in the Land Appreciation Tax Law.

However, since no question relating to the tax itself had arisen, they had acted correctly in applying to the District Court for declaratory orders recognizing their claims.

For the above reasons the appeal in C.A. 5774/91 was dismissed, and that in C.A. 799/92 was allowed.

The losing parties were ordered to pay the state's costs of NIS 7,500 in each appeal as at the

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

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Injunction issued against granting Cellcom license

SUPREME Court Justice Tova Strasberg-Cohen yesterday issued an interim injunction forbidding the Communications Ministry from granting a license to Cellcom Ltd. to operate cellular telephones.

Cellcom won the tender to compete with Motorola in this field last month, and the license was expected to be issued within a few days.

The injunction was issued at the request of Keshev Cellular Communications, which came in second in the tender.

It will be in effect until the High

Court of Justice hears Keshev's petition on June 23.

In exchange, however, Keshev must deposit two bank guarantees - one for NIS 100,000 and one for NIS 400,000 - to cover any damages which might be caused to third parties by the injunction.

Keshev's petition is aimed at the ministry's failure to let it examine Cellcom's winning bid.

Without conducting such an examination, it cannot decide whether to challenge the outcome of the tender.

EVELYN GORDON

By law, a losing bidder has the right to examine the winner's proposal, excepting those portions which constitute a trade secret or a danger to state security.

However, Keshev's petition charges, the ministry has not fulfilled the spirit of this law.

According to the petition, Keshev's representatives were given only two hours to examine Cellcom's several-hundred-page bid, and were forbidden to make copies of any part of it.

Furthermore, large parts of the

bid were censored. For instance, Keshev was allowed to see only 10 pages of the first chapter, which was 25 pages long.

It was also forbidden to look at the table of contents, or at any of the appendices. The ministry even forbade it to look at documents of public record, such as newspaper ads or announcements to the stock exchange.

Keshev also complained about the ministry's refusal to let its partner, Southwestern Bell, examine the English translation of Cellcom's bid.

Histadrut threatens to launch general strike

Warns Treasury not to harm study funds

THE Histadrut is threatening to launch a general strike should the Treasury try to change the regulations regarding workers' study funds (*Iranot hishalmut*) in any way.

Some 900,000 workers, from factory workers to academics, are members of study funds, which are a benefit granted by almost all collective wage agreements.

The Histadrut executive, after declaring a general labor dispute at its morning session, yesterday

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

authorized the trade union section to plan the implementation of the strike threat.

The executive's announcement followed the decision of the Knesset's sub-committee on taxes to support the Treasury's intention to enable self-employed workers to have a study fund as well, as long as it does not cost the government anything.

Since the study funds - until

now only available to salaried workers - are tax exempt, this means that to prevent added costs to the Treasury, salaried workers will have to start paying tax on the money accumulated in their funds.

The Histadrut executive resolved that while it does not object to other sectors enjoying study funds, it would fight any attempt to finance them at the expense of salaried people, in a manner that violates the conditions of their wage agreements.

Redemptions of mutual funds hit NIS 800 million

June total already surpasses all of May

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

MUTUAL fund redemptions were NIS 800 million in the first week of June after the funds suffered redemptions of NIS 793m. in May, the Meitav consultancy company reported yesterday.

In May, mutual fund assets plunged 11.9 percent to NIS 31.8 billion from NIS 36.5b. at the end of the previous month.

Meitav blamed the fall in mutual funds' assets on the sharp rise in redemptions and the funds' negative real yields.

In the reported period, the funds' negative real yields fell 9.8%, reducing mutual fund assets by another NIS 2.99b.

During the first seven days of June, mutual fund assets fell to NIS 26.5b., mainly as a result of the sharp drop in prices of securities on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Meitav said part of the money recently taken out of the mutual fund industry stems from credit the public took from the banks specifically to finance the purchase of mutual fund certificates.

Meitav said the mutual fund sector suffered from large redemptions in May.

Mutual funds specializing in shares suffered redemptions of NIS 372m., while the flexible funds suffered redemptions of NIS 179m.

In May, the public also sold their holdings in the more conservative funds.

Funds specializing in bonds suffered redemptions of NIS 139m., while the mixed funds registered redemptions of NIS 48m.

The foreign currency funds suffered redemptions of NIS 44m. and the government bond funds registered redemptions of NIS 11m.

Meitav revealed most of the large redemptions in the share funds were concentrated in the large veteran funds.

About half the redemptions in the share funds resulted from the public's redemptions of Lahav Slat, Erez Pekan, Lahav Shigug, Kohav Pekan, Ilanot Karam, Pia Manot and Lahav Zamir mutual fund certificates.

About one-third the redemptions in the flexible funds were concentrated in three veteran funds - Pia Kela, Saar Pekan and Emda Mixed.

The previous month's sharp fall in the stock market resulted in significant changes in mutual funds' investment portfolios.

Meitav said the funds' share component fell to 48.3% from 44% at the end of May.

In comparison, funds' investments in index-linked securities increased to 22% from 19.6% in the previous month, while funds' investments in foreign-currency linked securities rose to 13.5% from 11.4%.

In May, fund managers' share of the market remained virtually unchanged.

Bank Hapoalim's share increased to 30.1% from 30.5%, while First International Bank's share rose to 6.6% from 6.5%.

The remaining fund managers' share of the market fell 0.1% to 0.2% in May.



Arab-Israeli Bank workers demonstrate yesterday outside the Tel Aviv headquarters of Bank Leumi, its parent company, to protest working conditions and an alleged lack of advancement for Arab managers. The workers claim they do not receive the same work conditions as their colleagues in Bank Leumi.

(Text: Galit Lipkis Beck; photo: Alon Ron/Israel Sun)

Income Tax head: Treaty with US won't become effective this year

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE Israel-US treaty to prevent double taxation is expected to become effective next year and not this year, as originally planned, Income Tax Commissioner Doron Levy said yesterday.

He said the hangup is on issues relating to access to bank account information, which must still be clarified.

The source of the delay is a US request for written assurances that Israel will make available information on local bank accounts, to make it possible to catch tax evaders.

Levy blamed the delay on the Americans for "putting the cart before the horse." The sides had already signed the treaty, but the Americans were asking questions about interpretation and implementation, before the treaty is actually implemented, explained Levy.

The provision causing the commotion requires the tax authorities of both countries to exchange information for the purpose of uncovering tax avoidance.

US officials were particularly concerned that since the Israeli tax authorities have limited information on bank accounts, Americans with bank accounts here would be able to escape US scrutiny.

Foreign residents with local accounts are not required to file Israeli tax returns.

After the question was raised, following the Income Tax Authority's review, Levy determined that there is no reason Israel could not provide bank account information, even if the information is not readily available in the authority's files.

Levy noted, however, that the information would only be provided in specific circumstances. "There has to be some justification for the provision of such information," he said. "We are not talking about computer printout lists of all Americans that live here or Israelis living in the US."

He added that throughout the world, the signatories of such treaties must show cause for requesting the information, before such information is shared.

The questions raised by the US have required the government to make policy decisions on several issues and have forced both sides to review all the possibilities raised by the problematic treaty provision.

For example, said Levy, how should we treat a multinational corporation with branches all over the world, which has a bank account here?

The process of finding answers to this and other questions has meant the US Senate will not be able to ratify the treaty by the end of the month, which was the deadline for implementing the treaty retroactively to the beginning of the year.

Levy, however, gave assurances that it will not take another 20 years to get the treaty ratified. "It is only a question of months," he said.

Harish proposes upgrading Haifa's free port status

JOSE ROSENFELD

INDUSTRY and Trade Minister Micha Harish yesterday proposed upgrading Haifa's free port status to stem the flight of industry to nearby development zones and chip at the city's high unemployment rate.

As a free port, approved industries locating in the zone would be eligible to a seven-year tax holiday and to a maximum tax rate on profits of 30 percent thereafter.

In addition, distributed dividends would be taxed at 15% only.

According to Harish, the regulations can be upgraded immediately based on the finance minister's authority under the Free Port Areas Law.

Harish said Haifa is the largest unemployment center in the country.

According to Employment Service data, unemployment in the city and its environs is 2.25 times higher than in Tel Aviv and 2.7 times greater than in Jerusalem.

Approved investments for new factories or expansions of existing ones totaled a mere \$31 million last year.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tadiran subsidiary wins \$6 million contract with Dutch army: Simtech Advanced Training and Simulation Systems, a subsidiary of Tadiran, has won a contract to supply simulators to the Dutch army. Simtech will supply simulators valued at \$6 million. The simulators will be supplied through Simons Holland.

Abel asks company's lawyers to accept pay cut: Avner managing director Uzi Abel has asked the lawyers dealing with the company's claims to accept lower professional fees over the next 18 months. Abel said the company has to cut its accumulated deficit to continue operations. Insurance agents, construction companies and Avner workers have already agreed to accept a decline in wages, he said.

Electric Corp. board slams workers' actions against Amoral: The Israel Electric Corporation board of directors yesterday criticized the northern workers committee actions against company chairman Adi Amoral. Last week, a group of northern workers committee representatives burst into a board meeting to express their objections to the board's decision to give bonuses to Amoral.

Sunfrost writes off \$300,000 investment in RSK Acquisition: Food processor Sunfrost has announced it has written off its \$300,000 investment in US concern RSK Acquisition Corp. as of the end of the first quarter.

RSK holds 87 percent of Rekord, a Budapest supermarket with had revenues of \$24 million last year. The remaining shares are held by Leumi Hitebank (7%) and Hungarian private investors (6%).

Rekord filed for bankruptcy last week due in part to irregularities attributed to its former owner, Janusz Kinal. Sunfrost CEO Aharon Limor said RSK has started legal measures against Kinal.

The Hungarian court will decide next Tuesday whether to grant Rekord a 90-day grace period so the company may formulate restructuring and reorganization proposals. If this does not occur, the company will be forced into liquidation.

Ares Serozo extends tender offer in Interpharm: Ares Serozo's tender offer to buy back shareholder interest in Interpharm at \$22 per share has been extended, after 75 percent of the outstanding shares were not tendered by the closing date on Friday.

Ares Serozo issued a statement saying it would accept "any and all of the outstanding ordinary shares of Interpharm." Originally, the tender offer had required at least 75% of the outstanding shares to be validly tendered, but the company waived that minimum requirement. By law, the modification of terms required a week-long extension - to this Friday.

TASE launches English-language publication: Furthering its outreach efforts to the international business community at large, the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange has issued an English-language publication, Financial Data of Israeli Listed Companies - 1993. Edition is a compilation of annual statistics from 1990 to 1993, of more than 600 Israeli companies traded on the TASE. Additional data on 31 companies traded abroad is also listed. The publication is priced at \$40.

Yakhin buys 10.7% of outstanding shares in Pardes Industries: Canned foods producer Yakhin has purchased 10.7 percent of outstanding shares in Pardes Industries. Rehovot-based Pardes will receive the \$3.5 million production line, export trade and reputation associated with Yakhin citrus products.

Naphtha receives notification to drill at Zak Timur site: Naphtha Israel Petroleum has received sole-risk notification to drill at the Zak Timur 3 site from INOC-The Dead Sea, which controls area activity. The company has 30 days in which to respond. Drilling costs would be some NIS 4.7 million and be executed during the fourth quarter this year.

Investment Center approves expanding ZAG factory: The Industry and Trade Ministry's Investment Center yesterday approved a \$3 million investment for expanding a plastics production facility in Migdal Ha'emek by ZAG, project development and \$1.5m. for expanding ECI Telecom's Jerusalem plant.

The center canceled Industrial Buildings' approval of \$1.7m. for failing to build 4,800 square meters of industrial facilities in Kedumim. It also canceled Yehzekel Nisan Company's approval to build industrial facilities in Sherot for \$700,000.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (13.6.94)				
Currency (deposit term)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	9 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	3.750	4.125	4.625	5.125
U.S. dollar (\$100,000)	3.500	3.875	4.375	4.875
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.000	4.000	4.000	4.000
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.125	3.250	3.375	3.500
Yen (10 million yen)	0.500	0.625	0.750	0.875

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (10.6.94)				
Currency	Buy	Sell	Banknotes	Rep. Rates*
U.S. dollar	3.2820	3.3380	2.08	3.2146
German mark	3.0388	3.0765	2.08	3.0640
French franc	1.9185	1.9461	1.79	1.8314
British pound	4.5695	4.6307	4.47	4.4031
Japanese yen (100)	0.0343	0.0349	0.02	0.0258
Italian lire (1000)	2.9128	2.9538	0.52	0.5834
Dutch florin	1.5240	1.5489	2.86	2.8301
Swedish krona	2.1336	2.1838	1.60	1.6338
Norwegian krona	0.3221	0.3285	0.21	0.2171
Denmark krone	0.4601	0.4728	0.46	0.4689
Spanish peseta (100)	0.5484	0.5661	0.54	0.5625
Australian dollar	2.2051	2.2402	2.16	2.2226
S. African rand	0.8350	0.8508	0.54	0.5625
Belgian franc (10)	0.8841	0.8965	0.87	0.8887
Austrian schilling (10)	2.5953	2.6216	2.54	2.6028
Italian lire (1000)	1.8797	1.9062	1.84	1.8910
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.23	4.50
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.87	0.92
ECU	3.5126	3.5623	—	3.5345
Irish punt	4.4897	4.5227	4.38	4.4229
Spanish peseta (100)	2.2227	2.2580	2.16	2.2274

* These rates vary according to bank. — Bank of Israel.

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Investors
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CSCE world
sugar ends
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COMMODITIES
ROUNDUP

Gold prices fell sharply after the release of the Fed's report on the economy. The price of gold fell from \$380 to \$370 per ounce. Silver prices also fell, from \$5.50 to \$5.40 per ounce. Copper prices fell from \$1.50 to \$1.45 per pound. Wheat prices fell from \$2.50 to \$2.40 per bushel. Soybean prices fell from \$4.50 to \$4.40 per bushel. Corn prices fell from \$3.50 to \$3.40 per bushel. Rice prices fell from \$5.00 to \$4.90 per cwt. Sugar prices fell from \$15.00 to \$14.50 per cwt. Coffee prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per lb. Tea prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per lb. Cocoa prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per lb. Rubber prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per lb. Natural gas prices fell from \$2.50 to \$2.40 per mcf. Oil prices fell from \$20.00 to \$19.50 per barrel. Gasoline prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per gallon. Heating oil prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per gallon. Propane prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per gallon. Lumber prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per board foot. Steel prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per cwt. Aluminum prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per lb. Zinc prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per lb. Nickel prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per lb. Lead prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per lb. Tin prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per lb. Platinum prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per oz. Palladium prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per oz. Iridium prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per oz. Rhodium prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per oz. Ruthenium prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per oz. Silver prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per oz. Gold prices fell from \$1.00 to \$0.95 per oz.

Key Representative Rates	
US dollar	NIS 3.0540 ---%
Sterling	NIS 4.6031 ---%
Mark	NIS 1.8514 ---%

Investors snap up Falconbridge

TORONTO (Reuters) - Falconbridge Ltd., one of the world's top nickel miners, went public over the weekend in a \$950 million initial stock offering that was one of the largest in Canadian corporate history.

Investors snapped up the Toronto-based company's shares despite criticism it was overpriced, giving Falconbridge the financial muscle to expand and other mining companies a strong incentive to follow suit, analysts said.

Falconbridge issued 40.5 million shares at \$13.50 each, for a total of \$546m., its Swedish joint owner Trellberg AB said.

It issued another 31.9 million shares to its other shareholder Noranda Inc. at \$12.80 or \$408m.

The issue values the company, which was taken out of the public domain by Noranda and Trellberg in September 1989, at \$2.27b.

"I thought it was extremely expensive," said Yorkton Securities analyst Bruce Reid. "But it's very difficult to lay your hands on good, long life world-class low cost assets, and Falconbridge has those so they're prepared to pay up."

Noranda's stake will be around 47 percent after the issue and Trellberg's 29%.

While Falconbridge has yet to make any formal announcement about the issue, underwriting sources said it had gone well following a roadshow in North America and Europe.

"There was obviously very, very strong demand," said one underwriter.

Analysts said the offering is positive for both Noranda and Falconbridge, which has six nickel and copper mines in Ontario and operations in Norway and the Dominican Republic.

"It transforms Falconbridge into a company which is much more viable with robust earnings, cash flow, and a good looking balance sheet," said Michael Brown at McLean McCarthy Inc. "What it does is allow Falconbridge to now move ahead, whereas before it was constrained."

Asked whether Falconbridge's shares would rise above \$13.50 once listed, Brown said: "You need fairly aggressive metal prices for that to happen."

Falconbridge has already earmarked for development and expansion the Collabon copper project in Chile and the Raglan nickel project in Quebec. But first it plans to pay off a \$800m. loan with the funds raised.

CSCE world sugar ends mixed

COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

CSCE world sugar ended narrowly mixed on Friday after a late boost in New York's afternoon trade.

Experts explained that the July options expiry was supportive of Thursday's lows, while pressuring prices above 12.50 cents per pound.

The October contract ended lower at 12.42, while spot July rose slightly to end at 12.44.

CSCE cocoa and coffee both ended an extremely dull week with moves upward. Both commodities had spent the week in this, technically-directed trade, characterized mainly by apathy.

On Friday, cocoa reversed Thursday's sell-off to end sharply higher as a result of aggressive trade buying. July cocoa was at \$1,325 per tonne, with support set at \$1,260.

Arabica coffee ended its choppy session higher as well, despite reports of fund-selling. Spot July ended at 125.20 cents per pound, with the September contract at 124.30.

Traders attributed the action to liquidation of July positions being rolled into the September contract.

In the precious metals, Friday's trade was narrowly range-bound, as the market basically ignored both gains in the CRB Index of Commodity Futures and the greater-than-expected rise in the May PPI.

Platinum and gold rose slightly, with silver finishing somewhat weaker.

NYMEX July platinum posted modest gains, to end the week at \$403 per ounce. Traders attributed the rise in price to demand by the auto industry.

Market tests failed to breach the upside in COMEX gold, and the August contract finished slightly up at \$385.80 per ounce.

COMEX silver ended slightly lower, with July at \$5.367 per ounce.

Courtesy Miriam Friedman, Commodity Trading Ltd.

3,500-unit housing project approved for Ashdod

REAL ESTATE ROUNDUP

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Ashdod municipality announced it has approved construction of a new housing development southeast of the city.

The development, which will be situated on 1,000 dunams, will consist of some 3,500 housing units, three schools, a commercial center and an old age home.

The housing will consist of 960 units of eight-floor apartment blocks, 1,431 units of three- to four-floor buildings, two-floor buildings containing 646 apartments and 419 cottages.

The Israel Land Development Authority is delaying Ben Yakar Gat's permit to construct 404 apartments in Ashkelon.

The apartments as part of the Housing Ministry's Neveh Hadarim development.

Ben Yakar Gat has built 1,292 apartments in the framework of the development, but at the end of 1992, the government told them to cease construction because the program was stopped.

The company had already invested \$6 million in land development, and the shortage in housing in Ashkelon encouraged Ben Yakar Gat to privately construct the apartments. At the end of last year, the company submitted a plan to the Israel Land Development Authority to continue building the apartments.

Yisrael Ben Yakar, managing director of Ben Yakar Gat, said

the authority continues to delay construction, despite the shortage in apartments and the ministry's announcement that private construction must be encouraged to reduce the price of apartments.

Isteh Industries and Technologies has rented new offices in the Twin Towers building in Ramat Gan. The company signed a two-year agreement to rent 600 square meters for \$2,720 per month.

The marketing manager of the Wingate Towers complex is currently in the US negotiating with 28 Israeli families interested in purchasing apartments here.

According to the project developers, the average budget Israeli families living in the US have allocated for an apartment here is approximately \$210,000.

The Wingate Towers development is a joint partnership between Malibu and Avraham Rubinstein real estate companies. The contractors plan to invest \$50m. in the complex. Upon completion, the residential site will consist of 12 tower buildings and include 500 housing units.

So far, the company has sold 214 of the 240 apartments offered for sale in five of the development's apartment blocks.

Caesarea Development Company has signed agreements to sell 650 dunams for \$45m. to entrepreneurs interested in establishing industrial buildings in the Caesarea

Or Akiva industrial park.

The company started marketing the land at the beginning of the year. The company said 300,000 sq.m. of industrial space will be constructed on the 650 dunam plot.

Yossi Raz, deputy managing director of Caesarea Development Company and head of the industrial park, said the company has given three entrepreneurs rights to build mini-parks.

Orban has rented 60 dunams on which it plans to build a mini-industrial park for high tech companies.

Gav-Yam has purchased 110 dunams on which it plans to establish industrial buildings for commerce and service, and Hayel Properties and Investments has purchased 33 dunams on which it plans to construct a building for high tech firms and offices.

Menora Insurance Co. has rented an office floor in the Bashi-Pal building in Rishon LeZion. The company rented 422 sq.m. of office floor for \$4,700 per month. Menora has an option to purchase the property for \$780,000.

Tefahot has opened two new branches in Bat Yam and Ra'anana. The bank operates a total of 54 branches nationwide.

Accent has opened an Italian shoe store in Kfar Sava. The company invested \$200,000 in the shop.

Ziffs put computer publishing firm on block

NEW YORK - The Ziff family has put its computer publishing empire on the block, setting off what promises to be a spirited auction for some of the most promising information businesses in the country.

Ziff Communications and its principal subsidiary, Ziff-Davis Publishing Co., dominate the computer-publishing field with titles such as PC Magazine and PC Week, and have moved aggressively in recent years into trade show production, online computer services and other information industry niches.

Analysts said the company, with revenues of about \$1 billion, could fetch anywhere from \$1.5b. to \$3b., and a major media and communications companies are expected to be interested.

The decision to sell was made by the three young Ziff brothers - Dirk, Robert and Daniel - who own the company founded by their grandfather in 1927 and built into a powerhouse by their father, William Ziff Jr.

Dirk, 30, and Robert, 27, now will focus on the family investment business, Ziff Brothers Investments, which already has more than \$1b. in assets from the 1984 sale of 24 Ziff-Davis magazines. Daniel, 22, is a student at Columbia University.

"We decided a couple of months ago that publishing was not the way we wanted to spend the rest of our careers," said Dirk Ziff.

The family had always believed that absentee ownership was not appropriate, he said, so the decision was made to sell.

The Ziffs have retained Lazard Freres & Co. to find a buyer. Steven Rattner, the Lazard partner handling the deal, said the company ideally would be sold in one piece, but could be broken up into a few chunks if that were necessary to "maximize value."

The family hopes to complete a deal by year-end.

Ziff's two biggest direct competitors, International Data Group and CMP Publications, have been excluded as possible suitors, Dirk Ziff said.

But other large magazine publishers - notably K-H Holdings, Advance Publications, McGraw Hill, Reed Elsevier of Britain, Thomson of Canada and Bertelsmann of Germany - are expected to show keen interest.

In addition, some believe that companies outside publishing, including the regional Bell telephone companies and even Walt Disney Co., might view the Ziff properties as a way to gain a strategic position on the much-hyped "information superhighway."

Ziff has excellent connections in nearly every corner of the computer world through its magazine and trade show businesses. And its new online service, dubbed Interchange - which sources say cost some \$75m. to develop - is more technically sophisticated than such established services as Prodigy and America Online.

The sale will end one of the most remarkable stories in American publishing. Bill Ziff Jr., who took control of the company at age 23 following the death of his father, built the company into a

dominant force in special-interest publishing, with titles ranging from *Popular Photography* to *Modern Bride*.

But in the early 1980s, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, and with his sons too young to take over, he decided to sell. In 1984, CBS bought 12 consumer magazines for \$362.5m., and Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. purchased 12 trade publications for \$350m. All that remained was small, money-losing *PC Magazine*.

But Ziff's cancer went into remission, and he proceeded to build a second empire - without using any of the money from the earlier sales.

Shortly before his father's retirement last year, Dirk Ziff indicated in an interview that he was interested in spending more time on the investment business; he resigned his post as vice president of operations at Ziff-Davis earlier this year.

Robert Ziff, however, has a keen interest in computers and has long been closely involved in the Ziff-Davis magazines. Family members agreed Friday that it was Robert's change of mind about being a magazine publisher - and the brothers' desire to remain partners - that led to the decision to sell the company.

"I always had more interest in publishing," said Robert. "But the thing that happened that changed my mind is that I did it for a year again [after attending law school] and I realized it wasn't playing to my strengths."

(Los Angeles Times)

Balsam files for bankruptcy in new German scandal

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - Balsam AG, the leading sports-surfaces company, pushed into crisis by the arrest of its entire board last week, filed for bankruptcy on Friday in the second major financial scandal to hit Germany in two months.

A spokesman for the court in the town of Bielefeld said Balsam had applied for bankruptcy because of insolvency.

The four-member board of Balsam, a market leader in its sector, was arrested on suspicion of fraud after allegedly

making claims for credits on the basis of falsified documents.

A Deutsche Bank AG spokesman confirmed on Friday that Balsam had pledged all its global assets to Deutsche and the Dresdner Bank AG as a guarantee for credit as far back as 1990.

"I can confirm that such an arrangement was made in 1990," the Deutsche spokesman said. "It is a quite normal practice in export-import financing."

He added that the arrangement was made "long before any problems became evident."

Neither Dresdner nor Balsam could be contacted for comment.

Although banks have so far reacted generally calmly to the crisis at Balsam itself, the debacle has also put at risk the future of Procedo, Germany's largest export financing group.

Balsam was Procedo's biggest client and bankers say up to 75 percent of invoices it took as collateral on loans to Balsam may now turn out to be worthless.

Procedo owes banks over DM 1.5 billion (\$900 million), Procedo sources say

Balsam carried out its alleged fraud by misinforming it about the value of orders and presenting falsified certificates.

A meeting of Procedo's creditors and shareholders aimed at bailing out Procedo broke down early on Thursday morning, with the two sides divided over the terms of the rescue. Bankers have warned that it might not be possible to salvage Procedo.

A spokesman at Procedo said the group was nevertheless preparing a plan to keep the company afloat.

The collapse of Balsam raises echoes

of the failure in April of the Schneider property empire, whose chairman Juergen Schneider absconded leaving his firm to file for bankruptcy with bank debts of DM 5b. (\$3b.). Schneider vanished and is being sought by police on suspicion of fraud.

In both cases, questions have been raised about the role that German banks play in German industry.

Schneider's banks have been lambasted for lending huge amounts of credit to the property empire on the basis of what turned out to be bogus rent agreements.

UAL Corp. sets date for shareholder vote

CHICAGO (Reuters) - UAL Corp., the parent of United Airlines, has set July 12 as the date for its shareholders to vote on a planned \$5 billion employee buyout of the US's second largest carrier.

The proposed buyout faces opposition from some major shareholders who have complained the deal is too generous to employees.

Last week, UAL's second largest shareholder, Vanguard/Windsor Funds Inc., which holds about 2.4 million shares, or 9.7 percent, said it planned to vote against the deal, which was revised after unions expressed concern about a drop in the company's stock price.

Under the proposal, employees

would make wage and work-rule concessions valued at \$5 billion for an initial stake of 55% in the parent company. In May, UAL agreed to boost the employees' stake from 53%.

Opposition from institutional investors could pose problems for the revised plan. The company's four largest shareholders own more than a third of the carrier's stock.

The revised plan was proposed by UAL as a last-ditch effort to quell union concerns over a plunge in the company's stock, which has dropped from a 12-month high of \$150 to as low as \$115.

On Friday, UAL stock rose 37.5 cents to \$116.625 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Market continues its forward march

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

Two-Sided Index		Maof Index		Karam Index	
189.21	+2.03%	191.12	+2.15%	182.42	+3.02%

THE market continued its forward march, as the Two-Sided Index rose 2.03 percent, the Maof 2.15% and the Karam 3.5%.

Total turnover was reasonably high at NIS 257 million.

Trading opened weakly with what appeared to be profit-taking.

The Two-Sided and Maof indexes were down 0.4%-0.6% by the end of the first 90 minutes of trading.

The sellers were primarily portfolio managers and private investors. These seemed to be selling as a precaution against the profit-taking session which would materialize sooner or later.

This did not occur, at least not yesterday. By 1:30 p.m. the mutual funds started buying moderately.

The credit issue seems to be losing some of its importance. Although new bank credit for the purchase of securities is out of the question, it is becoming apparent that the pressure exerted by some of the more exposed banks on their clients to sell is easing.

Bank Mizrahi was allowing its clients to roll over their debt for the present. Bank Hapoalim's provident funds were last week buying the bank's mutual funds.

Should that aspect of the situation stabilize, this would give a respite to the market in reducing the willingness to sell on the part of those clients.

Part of the motives behind the easing of pressures lies in the fact that some clients are simply not in

a position to return the credit they received, since some of the securities they purchased have declined by more than the security coefficient at which they were collateralized.

Should share prices continue to rise, those sales might resume.

Rises outnumbered declines at an amazing 9 to 1. Nearly half of all securities listed for trading rose 5% or more.

Tat 5, Rogozin, Mishor Habof, Mivtah Shamir, Lipshitz, Cohen Development, Danbar and Urdan all rose 10%. Clal Electronics rose 6%, Clal Israel and Clal Industries 4%, Clal Computers by 8.8%, partly in reaction to reports that the group was buying some of its own shares.

The market might be switching gears.

The center of interest among investors has switched to securities which might appear as bargains. This is a more "micro" approach than saying that the market is low or high.

The market is considering the widening of the options market to linked bonds and Treasury bills. Effectively, this would mean the introduction of options on the Cost-of-Living Index and interest rates.

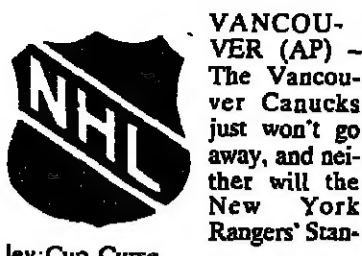
These instruments are still in the planning stage. Such a move would require the trading of underlying instruments under a continued trading system as opposed to a one-day affair.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

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Canucks won't let up, take Rangers to Game 7



VANCOUVER (AP) — The Vancouver Canucks just won't go away, and neither will the New York Rangers' Stanley Cup Curse.

Vancouver, 5-0 when facing elimination this postseason, forced a seventh game of the finals by winning 4-1 Saturday night and extended the Rangers' 54-year wait by three more days.

The Rangers hope it's only a matter of days. The Canucks can make New York wait until next season again by winning tomorrow night at Madison Square Garden. If that happens, it would go down as one of the biggest chokes in National Hockey League history, with the Rangers joining the 1942 Detroit Red Wings as the only teams to blow 3-1 leads in the finals.

Jeff Brown and Geoff Courtnall scored twice each for Vancouver, seeking its first title since joining the NHL in 1970.

"We felt good about our game coming out of New York and we thought we'd try to continue that same pattern," Canucks coach Pat Quinn said. "We wanted to see if we could establish some pressure on their defense. We play a pressure game that's not as aggressive as the Rangers' pressure game."

Vancouver's loud, towel-waving fans mocked the Rangers' Stanley Cup drought by chanting "19-40! 19-40!" in the third period. The Canucks, swept by the New York Islanders in the 1982 finals, were 0-4 in title-series games at Pacific Coliseum until Saturday.

It will be the first seven-game final since 1987, when the Edmonton Oilers beat the Philadelphia Flyers, and the second in 23 years. Nine championship series have gone the route since the best-of-7 format was introduced in 1939, with home teams winning seven times.

The Canucks have already proven they can win at the Garden, taking Games 1 and 5 there. They made the place quiet again Saturday, when about 10,000 fans watched Game 6 on the Garden's huge scoreboard.



SQUASH TACTICS — Canucks' Pavel Bure (10) takes Rangers' Brian Leetch into the boards.

"The sounds the fans have made have been awesome. I'm sure it will give their players a lift," Quinn said. "Our fans gave us a lift tonight. That's why you work to win the regular season, so you have that last game on home ice."

"I don't think all the momentum is with them," Rangers coach Mike Keenan said. "They had to win a big game in New York and they did and they responded well tonight. I don't feel there was a shift in momentum whatsoever. You work hard all season for an advantage and hopefully that will stay with us in Game 7."

This series resembles the 1987 finals, when heavily favored Edmonton took a 3-1 lead but then lost Game 5 at home and Game 6

at Philadelphia before winning the title back at Edmonton.

Four Rangers — Mark Messier, Glenn Anderson, Kevin Lowe and Esa Tikkanen — played for those Oilers. Rangers coach Mike Keenan was coaching the Flyers, and one of his players was current Vancouver forward Murray Craven.

Like the Oilers in '87, the Rangers had the NHL's best record this season. But while the '87 Flyers won their division with 100 points, these Canucks were only the league's 14th-best team.

The Canucks, who played well in the third period of Game 5, opened Saturday's game with their most dominant period of the series. They outshot the Rangers 16-7 and kept the puck in New York ice most of the 20 minutes.

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) — South Africa's rugby Springboks have gone from despair to ecstasy after crushing England in the second and final Test to reverse their humiliation of a week ago.

The 27-9 victory at Newlands in Cape Town, a margin which could have been wider had four or five kickable penalties not been missed, gave the side a much-needed confidence boost ahead of a three-Test tour of New Zealand which starts later this month.

It also stilled some of the fears of commentators who believed the failure to settle on a steady Test combination — 51 different players have been capped in 14 Tests — bodes ill for South Africa's chances in next year's World Cup.

South Africa went into the first Test in Pretoria in the unusual position of being favorites after an unconvincing England had been beaten by three provincial sides.

But England returned to the form that gave it victory over the All Blacks at Twickenham earlier this year, all but winning the match in the first 20 minutes with an all-out assault that

put them 20 points ahead.

England's 32-15 victory bore out comments by Springbok captain Francois Pienaar who had said provincial units like Transvaal and Natal were stronger than the national side because they functioned better as a unit.

Local commentators criticized the selectors, pointing to the fact that only two players — wing James Small and centre Pieter Muller — have played in all the tests since South Africa returned to international rugby two years ago.

Since then South Africa has lost eight Tests, drawn one and won five — two of them against Argentina.

Locks Mark Andrews and Steve Atherton showed up England's towering jumpers in the lineouts, winning regular first-phase ball that new cap Johan Roux repeatedly drilled behind the visiting pack, keeping them going backwards.

England coach Dick Best cited Roux as the main architect of South Africa's victory but added: "We were outplayed in all phases."

Terrier-like defense from England kept

South Africa out until 10 minutes from the end when the home side led 12-9, a lead which flattered the visitors.

The game was put beyond doubt when fly-half Hennie le Roux scored the first try after a blind-side break by the loose forwards, changing through his opposite number Rob Andrew.

South Africa's second try came in the final minute after center Brendan Venter robbed flanker Tim Rodder of the ball behind the South African 22-meter line.

Fullback Andre Joubert ditched down after a flowing movement in which Roux and substitute Joost van der Westhuizen made most of the running.

After the game the selectors named the 30-man squad for New Zealand, surprising some with the choice of new cap Lance Strydom ahead of Joel Stransky at fly-half.

As a sign either of the depth of talent in South Africa or misplaced faith by the selectors, players like winger Peter Hendricks, centre Heinrich Fuis and prop Ollie le Roux could not find a place in the squad.

England makes one change for second Test at Lord's

LONDON (Reuter) — England has made just one change to its squad for the second Test against New Zealand starting at Lord's on Thursday, replacing the injured Mark Ilett with fellow left-arm seamer Paul Taylor.

Taylor, 29, made his only Test appearance during the disastrous tour of India in 1993.

Now the Northants paceman, who has taken 18 first-class wickets this season at just under 30 runs apiece, is named in a 13-strong squad.

There had been speculation that Devon Malcolm might lose his place after a disappointing performance during England's innings and 90-run victory over New Zealand at Trent Bridge.

And chairman of selectors Ray Illingworth confirmed that most of Saturday's deliberations had centered on the fast bowling department.

"We discussed quite a few names — Alan Mullally, David Millns, Gladstone Small, Joey Benjamin and Steve Watkins were among those mentioned — but in the end we decided to make just the one enforced change," Illingworth said.

"After all, to bowl out New Zealand twice on a good pitch was a good performance. You cannot ask for much more than that."

"I've always felt that Taylor is a useful bowler and, being a left-arm, he gives us that bit of variation if we want it."

Like Ilett at Trent Bridge, though, Taylor may fail to make the final XI with Illingworth suggesting there is more chance of England playing both front-line spinners at Lord's.

Close of play scores on the third day of Saturday's county championship matches: At Derbyshire beat Derbyshire by 7 wickets. Derbyshire 392 in 101.1 overs and 145 (G. Parsons 3-17, Leicestershire 375 in

71.5 overs and 263-3 (J. Whittaker 79 not out, P. Simmons 62, V. Wells 59 not out). Derbyshire 8 points. Leicestershire 22.

At Hampshire beat Northamptonshire by 5 wickets and 87 runs. Northamptonshire 156 in 51.1 overs and 302 (K. Curran 91 not out, A. Fordham 56, A. Cummins 5-72). Hampshire 24 points. Northamptonshire 0.

At Canterbury beat Kent 418-8 declared in 142 overs and 146-3 (T. Ward 63). Middlesex 142 in 126.3 overs (D. Haynes 104, M. Ramprakash 99, J. Carr 64, D. Headley 4-108, M. Patel 4-118).

At Somerset beat Sussex 355 in 114.2 overs and 381-9 (N. Latham 102, A. Wells 61, F. Stephenson 57). Lancashire 286 in 105.3 overs (M. Watkinson 68 not out, N. Speak 62, F. Martin 57, E. Gidkins 5-81).

At Worcester beat Gloucestershire 381 in 113.4 overs and 285-3 declared (T. Moody 108 not out, G. Hick 101). Essex 262 in 96.1 overs (G. Gooch 103, R. Irani 50 not out, S. Lampard 5-75 and 15-4).

At Nottingham beat Nottinghamshire 435 in 164.4 overs and 105-1 (T. Robinson 32 not out, Hampshire 403-6 declared in 131.2 overs (S. Morris 174, A. Aynes 69).

At Bradford beat Yorkshire 424 in 116.3 overs and 273-3 (C. White 71 not out, D. Byes 62, R. Bailey 30). Somerset 330 in 112.5 overs (G. Rose 121, M. Trescothick 54, R. Stamp 4-67).

Ziontours nips Lachish Tours

LARRY LEVENBERG

ROBERT Samer's two-out, two-run single capped a three-run bottom-of-the-seventh-inning rally to lift Ziontours past Lachish Tours 14-13 in Friday's action of The Jerusalem Post Softball League.

Lachish went ahead in their half of the frame on a hit by Jonathan Dym and a sacrifice fly by Blair Portnoy. Boaz Dettweiler and WP Stan Schiger homered for the Z-men and Brian Aaron connected for Lachish.

Hassot Benny 20, The Maccabees 5. Dov Rubin led the way with a two-run homer and a pair of doubles and Josh Harlow had 3 hits and 3 RBIs. Shurtz Tannenbaum picked up the win. For the Danny Boys, Arch Seemans 5. Stu Silverberg picked up the win behind Danny Gewirtz's 2 hits and 2 RBIs. For the Diggers, Dave Gershon and Stu Schneider each had 2 hits.

Kibbutz Gzer 4, Shomrat Caba 3. Lee Siegel knocked in the winning run in the top of the seventh after Mitchell Jones's two-out clutch hit tied the score. Bill Anscott was tagged with the loss.

Apple Pizze 16, Dan Schneider 13. Josh Faudem went 6-for-6 with four runs scored and Ira Garshowitz had 4 hits. Fred Monchanski picked up the win. For the Danny Boys, Harry Greenberg was 4-for-5 with a homer and Mark Leventhal took the loss.

Mach 13, Maccabi 36ers 4. Winning pitcher Aaron Fortas helped his own cause with 3 hits and 3 RBIs. For the lamed vovs, Mike Gross had two RBIs.

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3. Zionshore	8	4	.667	2
4. Lachish Tours	6	6	.500	4
5. Apple Pizze	4	8	.333	6
6. Kibbutz Gzer	4	6	.400	5

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	W	L	Pct.	GB
1. Pizze La Pizze	10	4	.714	
2. Arch Seemans	8	6	.571	1
3. Kibbutz Gzer	7	7	.500	2
4. The Maccabees	2	12	.143	7
5. Gomer Vokker	0	12	.000	8

Kibbutz Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
1. Ozzy Richards	10	2	.833	
2. Shurtz Tannenbaum	6	3	.667	1
3. Shomrat	5	6	.455	2
4. Maccabi 36ers	3	7	.300	3
5. Mach 13	3	8	.273	4

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Rangers' fans full of Garden cheer

NEW YORK (AP) — Thousands of New York Rangers fans desperate for a Stanley Cup championship filled Madison Square Garden on Saturday night, hoping their cheers and revelry would inspire their heroes 3,000 miles away.

It didn't. The Rangers lost 4-1 to the Vancouver Canucks in British Columbia, setting up a decisive Game 7 in the Stanley Cup finals tomorrow night at the Garden.

About 10,000 people were in the 18,200-seat arena for a telecast of Game 6. The Rangers were trying to wrap up their first NHL championship in 54 years.

"As long as I can remember, my heart's been broken every year," said Peter Gaccione, 45, of Clifton, N.J., as he glumly walked from the Garden after the game. "I thought Thursday was going to be comparable to when my children were born and I got married. Now, I have a feeling as low as when my grandparents died."

The Rangers' second attempt at clinching the Cup — they lost Game 5 at home on Thursday — aired on the Garden's four giant video screens. "I should be used to this because I've suffered with them," said Fred Perri, 65, of Brooklyn, a

longtime fan who got his first set of season tickets in 1943 for \$37.50. "I'm shocked tonight. I'm very concerned because Vancouver has the momentum."

He no longer holds season tickets. He can't afford them.

Frank Cataoano, a 26-year-old Queens postal worker, had his allegiance shaved into his hair by a barber.

"My bosses told me not to do it but I did it anyway," he said of the Rangers emblem on the back of his head. "I got it after Game 1. I've been saying for 15 years that if they ever make it to the finals I'm doing it."

The Garden pulled out all the stops to give the gathering a touch of Stanley Cup excitement, despite the absence of hockey players.

No alcohol was served, but John Ammirante, who sings at all the home games, sang the national anthem, and organ music, a staple at home games, was played. Even the Zamboni machine worked at resurfacing the ice between periods.

The Garden made 6,000 tickets available at \$5 each for the game and admitted fans showing a playoff ticket stub from this year free.

Josset wins on the links

STEVE WEIL

CLIVE Josset, Chuck Shaikowitz, Aviva Daskner and Basil Kaufman won the alliance stableford with 122 points over the weekend at the Caesarea Golf Club. Coming in second with 118 points were the quartet of Des Cohen, Morris Albeder, Richard Fogelson and Leslie Ben Amir. Rafi Thein, Michael Cohen, Moshe Zarkover and Jules Cuburnek took third place with 114.

Brazil wins women's world hoops crown

SYDNEY (AP) — Veteran guard Hortencia scored 27 points in the final international game of her career yesterday as Brazil beat China 96-87, winning its first women's world basketball championship.

The U.S. rallied to defeat Australia 100-95 for the bronze medal. Hortencia, at 34 is the oldest player in the tournament.

Signori saves Italian pride

NEW YORK (Reuter) Coach Arrigo Sacchi's World Cup tactical plan brings the best out of striker Giuseppe Signori but does not seem to suit the rest of the Italian team quite so well.

Signori's third goal in three games since being pushed up into the forward line gave Italy a 1-0 win over humble Costa Rica in a warm-up match on Saturday but the result could not disguise another disjointed display.

With the eagerly-awaited World Cup opener with Ireland just six days away, Sacchi is still tinkering with his line-up in the hope of hitting on the winning formula.

The bald-headed coach switched from his trusted 4-2-4 formation to a more adventurous 4-3-3 last month to enable Signori to play in the striking role the Lazio man so craves.

But the change has raised more questions than it has answered with Sacchi undecided on who to play as his third attacker and on the composition of his midfield.

Internazionale's Nicola Bertini has been playing wide on the right of attack, but he prefers to battle it out in the center of midfield and has appeared unhappy stuck on the wing.

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Rabin to meet Shas, Meretz in attempt to enlarge coalition

SARAH HONIG

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin is to meet with Shas and Meretz representatives, including Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, in a few days in a last ditch attempt to convince Shas to rejoin the coalition.

The invitation to Yosef preempted his threat to issue a ruling last night ordering Shas to join the opposition.

The threat and Rabin's decision to personally enter the fray followed last week's failure by Shas and Meretz to come up with a formulation which would guarantee the status quo on religious affairs, while standing up to a challenge in the courts.

The issue is the formal pretext for Shas's failure to rejoin the coalition, as it had promised to do several months ago.

"The growing consensus in Meretz is that Shas does not really want to rejoin and is just looking for pretexts to explain away its totally uncompromising attitude," Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said. He reported that "Shas keeps coming up with more extreme demands daily and whenever we meet what they want, they only ask for more impossible things."

MK Dedi Zucker, who has been conducting much of the negotiations, agreed. "Shas has no intention of returning to the coalition," he said. "It's like nothing better than the present situation in which it enjoys the best of all worlds. It would be better for the coalition to turn its sights to Y'ud and even Tsomet in its quest for expansion, even if this would exact a tough political cost."

But Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan suggested that "Zucker not try to use Tsomet as a whip with which to threaten Shas. We will not be a weapon in the coalition's hand. Meretz created this snarl with Shas; let it see if it can undo it."

An attempt by Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein to win Meretz support for enacting legislation to secure the status quo is meeting considerable opposition in the party, where it is pointed out that Shas has already rejected Meretz's latest offer that the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation include a clause stipulating that it does not apply to existing practices, which shall continue as before.

Rabin met with Meretz leaders in an attempt to extract from them concessions that would entice Shas back, but they refused to yield any more, saying they had already demeaned themselves and their principles to no avail.

Immediately following this session, Rabin conferred with Police Minister Moshe Shahal and Labor Knesset faction chairman Eli Dayan.

Dayan noted that the meeting of Yosef and the Shas executive scheduled for later that afternoon might close the door on further negotiations. That meeting, he advised, must be preempted. He proposed that Rabin call on all the sides to meet with him. Rabin agreed.

Following Rabin's appeal, Yosef agreed to postpone his ruling until after the meeting with Rabin.



Three 'Project Zippori' volunteers work on the preservation of rare mosaics uncovered at the Galilee site. The joint Italian-Israeli project is being carried out by Prof. Roberto Nardì of Rome's Centro di Conservazione Archeologica in cooperation with the Antiquities Authority. (Shlomo Wolkowicz)

New guidelines to be published allowing doctors to advertise

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Health Ministry and the Israel Medical Association (IMA) have jointly formulated new, more liberal guidelines relating to advertising by physicians. *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

At present, such advertising is illegal, but violations are frequent because the ministry rarely enforces the law.

The recommendations would allow licensed hospitals, doctors and clinics to advertise new or existing services. The advertisements could appear no more frequently than once a month, in special columns in

newspapers or magazines. The advertisers would not be allowed to make any claims, such as being "the first" or "the best," they would only be able to state the name of the institution or doctor, specialty, address, telephone, fax number and reception hours in a standardized form.

The IMA's legal adviser, Simha Kaismann, and his counterpart in the ministry, Zvi Levine, have been discussing the matter for several months. Their proposals

must be approved by ministry director-general Prof. Mordechai Shani, pass the Knesset labor and social affairs committee, and then be approved by the plenum.

Under current law, medical doctors may not advertise their services in any way, and they may not permit clinics or hospitals to advertise for them. Action can also be taken against newspapers and other media that carry such advertising. The law is among the most restrictive in the world.

A separate, similarly worded law regarding dentists has been honored in most cases, largely because the ministry's dental services department has consistently reprimanded violators.

Dr. Rami Ishai of the IMA's ethics committee said yesterday that the association, which represents 12,000 of the country's physicians, has advocated a liberalization of the law for years.

"We felt it was important to allow provision of information on medical services to the public. The existing law is draconian," he said.

Tsiddon said working for Netanyahu inside Tsomet

SARAH HONIG

TSOMET sources yesterday charged that former MK Yoash Tsiddon's return to active Tsomet politics was a move closely coordinated with Likud chairman Benjamin Netanyahu in order to foil Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan's bid for the premiership.

This was hotly denied both by Tsiddon and Netanyahu, but Eitan himself did not discount the theory. "It's quite plausible," he said. "After all, the two are pretty close and collaborated a lot in the last Knesset, particularly on issues like changing the electoral system and the system of government."

"I wouldn't be at all surprised if Tsiddon wants to do to me in Tsomet what Arik Sharon is doing to Netanyahu in the Likud. Tsiddon knows I have declared my candi-

dacy for prime minister and didn't he come out and say that I was unsuitable to be prime minister?" Tsiddon said he makes his own decisions and his decision to return to active politics was not coordinated with anyone.

Netanyahu dismissed Eitan's talk out of hand. He said he was not informed ahead of time of Tsiddon's plans and therefore had no involvement in them. "I don't mix in other parties' affairs," he said.

Likud sources found Eitan's accusations strange, "especially in view of the improved relations between Tsomet and the Likud and the cooperation between the two parties recently, including fielding a joint ticket in the last Histadrut elections."

Court might declassify evidence in Kikos case

EVELYN GORDON

SUPREME Court Justice Theodor Orr on Friday will continue hearing a request to declassify a piece of evidence connected with the Hanit Kikos trial, which indicates that Kikos might have been kidnapped by terrorists, and might still be alive.

Kikos disappeared last summer and has been presumed dead, but her body was never found. Suleiman Abeid is now being tried for her murder in Beersheba District Court.

Last Friday, Abeid asked the Supreme Court to reveal the contents of a piece of evidence which was classified at the request of Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The evidence concerns the testimony of a member of the IDF Intelligence Corps, who said the corps received information indicating that Kikos might have been kidnapped by ter-

rorists and might still be held by them.

However, according to *Ha'aretz*, the Intelligence Corps doubts the veracity of the information - even though it considers the source from which it came extremely reliable. The witness was only willing to say that the source had not given Kikos' name correctly, but that he had pinpointed the location from which she was kidnapped.

Citing security reasons, he refused to answer any additional questions, or to explain the reasons for his doubt, *Ha'aretz* said. Currently, the case against Abeid rests on his confession. There is no supporting evidence, and Feldman charges that the accused, who is mentally retarded, made a false confession to please his investigators.

Man remanded for credit card fraud

RAINE MARCUS

A MAN suspected of stealing credit cards abroad, forging the magnetic strip, and then using them to go on shopping sprees here was remanded for 10 days by Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday.

Yosef Dayan, 35, of Tel Aviv, is suspected of defrauding credit card companies out of NIS 100,000, but police believe that he may have used additional stolen cards.

While raiding a Tel Aviv massage parlor last week, police discovered a suspicious credit card on the cashier's desk. On examination, the card turned out to be stolen and forged. Massage parlor personnel led police to Dayan, who was found with 10 stolen cards in his possession.

Police refused to go into detail about how Dayan allegedly forged magnetic strips on stolen cards, but would only say the method used was "very sophisticated."

Police suspect that Dayan did not operate alone and are hunting an accomplice who, together with Dayan, allegedly stole credit cards abroad.

The protesters outside the Knesset, carrying signs reading "The Land of Israel is in Danger" and "700 dead," were not demonstrating against the peace process but against the planned Trans-Israel Highway (Route 6), which they claim will ruin the country's landscape and lead to an increase in road accidents.

The protesters, from Green Action and the Committee for Route 6 victims, tried to grab the attention of guests who were entering the Knesset for the opening event of Environment Day.

"While [Environment Minister

Alleged smuggler freed on bail

RAINE MARCUS

A JEWELRY manufacturer, who allegedly tried to smuggle gold valued at NIS 300,000 into the country, was released on NIS 55,000 bail by Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday.

Nissim Nadir, a partner in Tal Or, which manufactures and sells gold jewelry, returned from Italy Friday and was caught by customs officers at Ben-Gurion Airport with thousands of items of jewelry, weighing 10 kg.

Customs investigators believe he deliberately tried to evade paying customs and VAT duties.

Nadir left the country on June 5, investigators told the court, with a consignment of locally manufactured jewelry to sell abroad. He sold the gold to a client in Belgium for \$50,000, which he used to by foreign

manufactured jewelry for sale here.

Nadir told investigators he was not aware he had to declare his purchase at the airport, but investigators believe he was familiar with import/export procedures.

In releasing Nadir on bail, Judge Judith Amsterdam barred him from leaving the country and confiscated his passport.

Tsur proposes full payment for Route 6 land seizures

HAIM SHAPIRO

AGRICULTURE Minister Ya'akov Tsur yesterday proposed legislation to give full compensation to all those whose lands would be expropriated for the planned Trans-Israel Highway, which is to run from just south of Beersheba to the Galilee.

In the original proposal for the highway, no mention had been made of compensation, leading landowners to fear that they would not be adequately compensated.

The proposal Tsur presented to the government yesterday would pay landowners both for the lands and for any financial burden the highway might cause. The com-

pensation would come in the form of money, or in the form of a property exchange, with those affected having the first options on land belonging to the Israel Lands Administration abutting the proposed highway.

Land values would be determined by an assessor, whose evaluation could be appealed in court within a specified time. Once the law is passed, the government would have to give landowners 60 days' notice before coming in to begin the roadwork.

The law also provides for a master plan for land development along the highway, for industry, tourism, services and commerce.

Environmentalists protest against Route 6

LIAT COLLINS

Yossi Sarid is inside giving out prizes, he is ignoring the biggest danger which faces the country," claimed a Elhanan Kahan, of Green Action.

Sarid awarded prizes to three industrial firms - Dekol, in Lod; Elbit, in Karmiel, and Iscar, in Tefen - and to 11 local authorities, which were chosen for their efforts in environmental improvement or protection last year.

"[Last year] was the year of environmental awareness and 1994 is

the year of regulation and enforcement," Sarid said. "I dislike the term 'the carrot and the stick' because we're talking about people, not animals. I'd rather say that enforcement is a matter of prizes - like these - and pressure."

"The local authorities and industrialists can decide which they prefer. But after the public awareness campaign of the last year there is not a leader at either the local or national level who has not felt the public pressure on environmental issues," he said.

Knesset to give final approval to health bill

DAN IZENBERG

THE Knesset plenum is to begin debating the hundreds of amendments to the national health insurance bill today, and final approval is expected late tonight or early tomorrow.

Amir Peretz, chairman of the special committee drafting the national health insurance bill, will introduce the proposal that was approved last week.

Labor, Shas, Meretz, the National Religious Party, Agudat Yisrael, the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, and the Dem-

ocratic Arab Party are expected to support the proposal, which links implementation of the bill with passage of a special tax guaranteeing continued funding of the Histadrut.

The Likud has threatened to petition the High Court of Justice if the bill is approved in the committee version, claiming it is illegal to pass a law that is conditional on the passage of another law.

In reality, the Likud objects to the passage of a tax to fund the Histadrut.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Court: Deputy mayors can moonlight

There is no legal barrier to a deputy mayor also conducting private business, as long as he gives the necessary time and attention to his public post, the High Court of Justice ruled yesterday.

It was replying to a petition by the "Young People for Haifa" faction of the City Council, which charged that Deputy Mayor Yona Yabav's private law practice created a conflict of interest with his municipal job. Justices Theodor Orr, Ya'akov Kedmi, and Zvi Tal rejected this claim.

Namir set for surgery today

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir is due to undergo surgery for the removal of a benign growth in her brain today. The operation, at the St. Anna Clinic in Lucerne, Switzerland, will be performed by the famed Yugoslav-born neurosurgeon Witold Dolezal.

Some Israeli neurosurgeons had claimed that they have no less success in such surgery and that there was no need for her to go abroad. But Health Ministry director-general Prof. Mordechai Shani, who studied the case, recommended that Dolezal do the operation in Switzerland.

Prisoner escapes from Tel Mond

Police are hunting for a prisoner who escaped from Ashmoret Prison in Tel Mond yesterday.

Meir Suissa, 29, of Or Akiva, was serving a 69 month sentence for drug dealing, burglary, and escaping from custody, was seen by a prison guard on the other side of the fence surrounding the jail at 2:30 p.m. It is thought he burrowed over it, since no evidence was found that he climbed over it.

Prison Service Commissioner Arye Bibi has ordered an inquiry into the escape.

Tel Aviv school gets \$4m. donation

The Ted Arison Foundation yesterday signed an agreement with the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality and the Tel Aviv Development Foundation to donate \$4 million for the renovation and expansion of the Tel Aviv School of the Arts. The donation will enable the construction of a 2,400 sq.m. wing that will include workshops for sculpture and painting, a music section, a library, and a dual-purpose auditorium-rehearsal hall.

Rahat becomes a city

The Negev Beduin settlement of Rahat officially became a city at ceremonies in the Prime Minister's Office yesterday.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in his capacity as acting interior minister, said this was an important advance for the Beduin. "I believe in Rahat's future," he said, adding that he believed upgrading the town to a city would provide the means "for moving the Beduin cause forward."

Three judges appointed

The committee for the appointment of judges, headed by Justice Minister David Liba'i, yesterday appointed or promoted three judges.

Judge Ezra Kama, vice-president of the Jerusalem Magistrates Court, was made a Jerusalem District Court judge; Judge Yigal Grill, of the Haifa Magistrates Court, was appointed to the Haifa District Court; and attorney Yonatan Adiel was appointed to the Jerusalem Magistrates Court.

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